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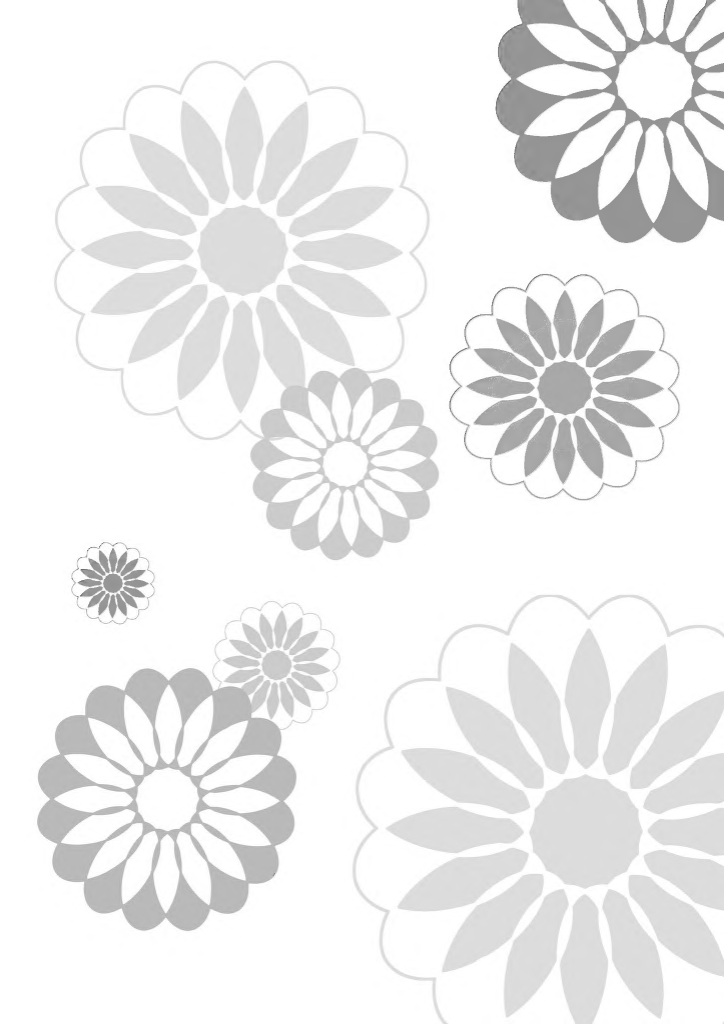

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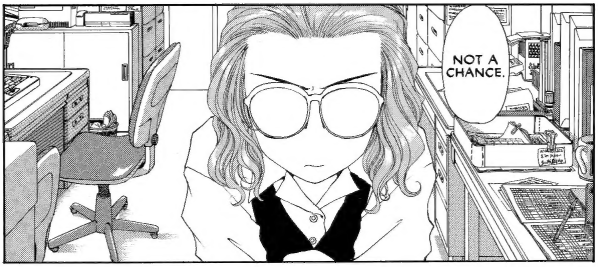
NOT A CHANCE.

HUH ...?

WAIT... HERE'S SOME-THING SIMILAR.
GEEZ... I DIDN'T KNOW...

YES.
REALLY ...?!

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AM8:30～PM5:00

...BUT ON TOP OF THAT, IT'S QUITE UNUSUAL TO HAVE ANYTHING AVAILABLE IN THAT PARTICULAR INDUSTRY.
WAITING UNTIL THIS TIME OF THE YEAR TO VISIT THE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE IS BAD ENOUGH...

BUT THEY'RE BOTH RACING, RIGHT?
MA'AM...THIS AD IS FOR A *STABLEBOY*. I WANT TO WORK ON RACING *MOTORCYCLES*, NOT RACING *HORSES*.
I WAS IN THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD, SO I THOUGHT I'D DROP BY.
HEYA, GUYS!
oh. hi.
...?

MORE LIKE *RECESSION* AGAIN.
WHAT'S THIS? DEPRESSION AGAIN?
AH-*HA*. JOB HUNTING?
DON'T TELL ME YOU JUST STARTED *TODAY*?!
YEAH, SO SUE ME! SHEESH... MAYBE I *SHOULD* JUST GO SHOVEL HORSE MANURE...
I MEAN, WHY THE HELL NOT? IF THAT'S WHAT YOU *REALLY WANT*, KEIICHI MORISATO.
SURE.
HUH?

...
WELL, UH ...?
SAY--YOU GET ANY HOT TIPS ON A RACE, YOU'LL SHARE THEM WITH YOUR OLD BUDDY CHIHIRO, RIGHT?
"I'M GOING TO QUIT THE TEAM, AND START MAKING THE KIND OF BIKES I WANT TO MAKE."
"IF THAT'S WHAT YOU REALLY WANT..."
"WHY THE HELL NOT?
"WELL, KEIICHI... SOMEHOW I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT."
"THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO DO, TOO!"
THERE WERE MANY REASONS, BUT...
WELL, LET ME THINK.
BELLDANDY... WHY DID YOU PICK YOUR JOB-- YOU KNOW, THE GODDESS TECHNICAL HELP LINE...?

I JUST *LOVED* THAT PART.
...I THINK IT WAS THE SMILE ON PEOPLE'S FACES WHEN THEY FINALLY GOT THEIR WISH.
I'M HOME...
...
THAT'S THE *KEY*, ISN'T IT?
IT'S *GOT* TO BE SOME-THING I LOVE.
YEAH.

...WHO REALLY ENJOYS HER JOB.
NOW THERE'S SOME-ONE...
YO, KI-- YOU'VE GOT MAIL.
URK
NOTH-ING!
WHAT? WHAT ?!
"TAKAMI IMAI"...? WHO?
〒910-40
猫実市猫実
3-4-106
森里 螢一様
松切市猫頭
今井 孝美
4-28
... HRM.
MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE AN EVENING.
HM?
...
GIMME A BREAK, URD! I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS NAME BE--
WAY TO GO, LOVER BOY! ♥
BETCHA IT'S FROM SOME LADY FRIEND, RIGHT?

MASS-PRODUCED BIKES ARE DESIGNED FOR THE ORDINARY RIDER.
THEY MAKE AFTER-MARKET PARTS FOR CUSTOMIZING MOTOR-CYCLES, BELL.
"WYVERN" ...? WHAT'S THAT?
I TOTALLY FORGOT THAT HE GOT A JOB AT WYVERN WHEN HE GRADU-ATED.
IT'S OL'
!
AH! NOW I REMEM-BER!
AH, WELL. TOO BAD.
RECENTLY, THEY EXPANDED AND STARTED BUILDING COMPLETE MACHINES...
...AND WYVERN MAKES THE PARTS THEY NEED.
BUT SOME PEOPLE WANT TO TUNE AND CUSTOMIZE THEM TO THEIR OWN SPECS...
"I'M GOING TO QUIT THE TEAM, AND START MAKING THE KIND OF BIKES I WANT TO MAKE."

CHAK
WAKE UP, IMAI! CALL ON LINE TWO!
HUH?
CUSTOM CYCLES
WHAT?! YOU'RE *STILL* LOOKING FOR A JOB?
IF I HAD TO GUESS, MORISATO, I'D SAY YOU DIDN'T START LOOKING UNTIL YESTERDAY OR SOMETHING.
BUT THAT'S COOL. HOLD ON A SEC.
bingo
Sorry.
mari...

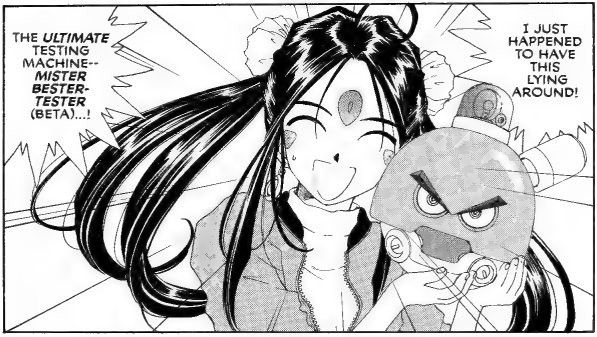
NO KIDDING, THE WAY YOU LOOKED JUST NOW WAS SO SERIOUS...
...IT WAS KIND OF PAINFUL TO SEE.
BWA HA HAH!!
GEEZ, URD!! THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS!
...
C-CUT IT OUT, URD!
BWA HAW HAW
HELLO? HELLO?
HEY ?!
KOOCHIE KOOCHIE KOO!
LIGHT-EN UP, BOY!

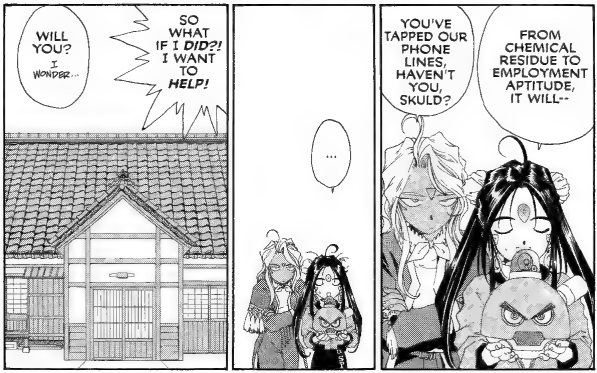
ching
OKAY!
YEAH?
THANKS AGAIN, PAL. I'LL BE THERE.
HOW 'BOUT TOMOR-ROW ...?
ANY-WAY, THE BOSS SAYS HE'D LIKE TO MEET YOU.
YES! THANK YOU! I MEAN IT, IMA!
N-NO... IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK... I SWEAR...
HUH...I ENVY YOU, MAN. YOUR PLACE SOUNDS AS WILD AS EVER.
YES! TIME TO PREPARE!
YAHOO!
WELL, FOR THE INTERVIEW. GOT TO GET A SUIT, GET MY HAIR CUT--
"PREPARE" ...? HOW?

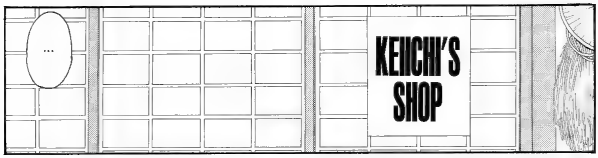
OH, NO! URD! WAIT!!
HUH?
FASH
HEEE!
urk...
TA-DAHH!
PICKY, PICKY. OKAY, THEN...
...WHAT DID YOU DO TO MY HAIR?!
WELL, UH... THE SUIT IS GOOD. VERY GOOD. BUT...
WELL ...?
Hey, Hey!

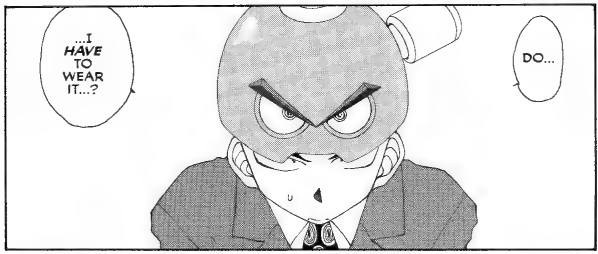
tee hee!
boomf!
hrm.
boomf!
oog.
boomf!
PATIENCE! ONE MORE TIME, OKAY?!
HEY, YOU WERE GETTING INTO IT, TOO!
URD!! QUIT PLAYING WITH ME!
WELL, IF YOU TWO THINK IT'S OKAY, THEN...
OOPS... MISSED ONE.
YOU DO GREAT!
OH, KEIICHI! I LIKE IT!
YEAH!
THE PRACTICAL EXAM!
OKAY, NEXT STEP!

...
WELL... UH... I MEAN...
...

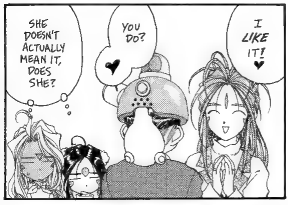

THE ULTIMATE TESTING MACHINE-- MISTER BESTER-TESTER (BETA)...!
I JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE THIS LYING AROUND!

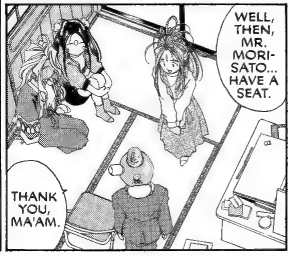

WILL YOU? I WONDER...
SO WHAT IF I DID?! I WANT TO HELP!
...
YOU'VE TAPPED OUR PHONE LINES, HAVEN'T YOU, SKULD?
FROM CHEMICAL RESIDUE TO EMPLOYMENT APTITUDE, IT WILL--

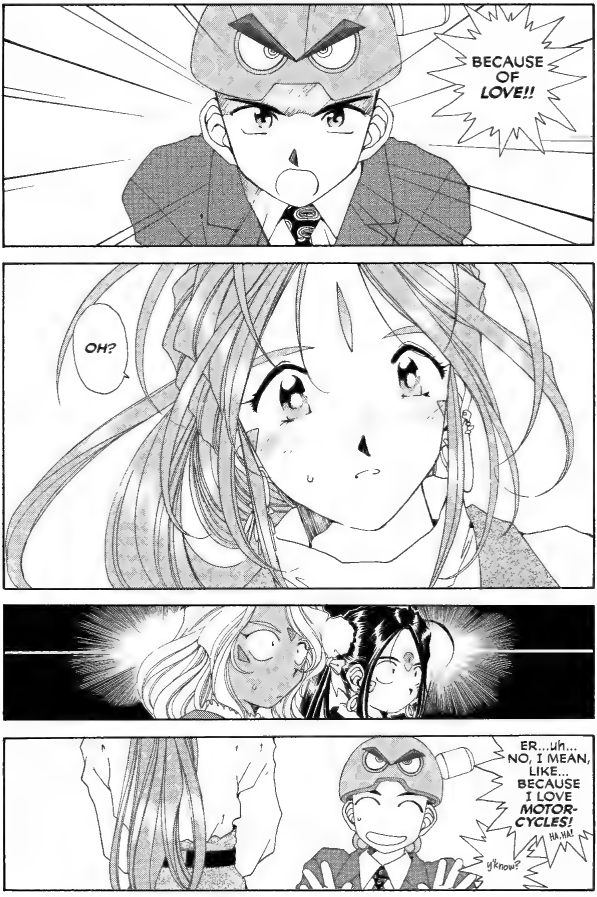

...
KEIICHI'S SHOP


...I HAVE TO WEAR IT...?
DO...

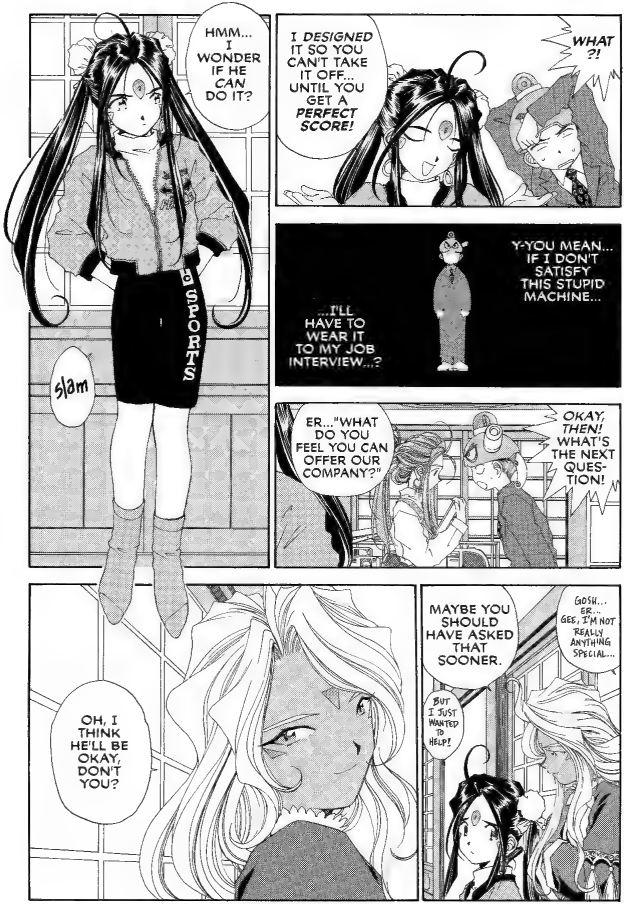
NOW... WHAT WAS YOUR MOTIVE FOR CHOOSING OUR COMPANY?

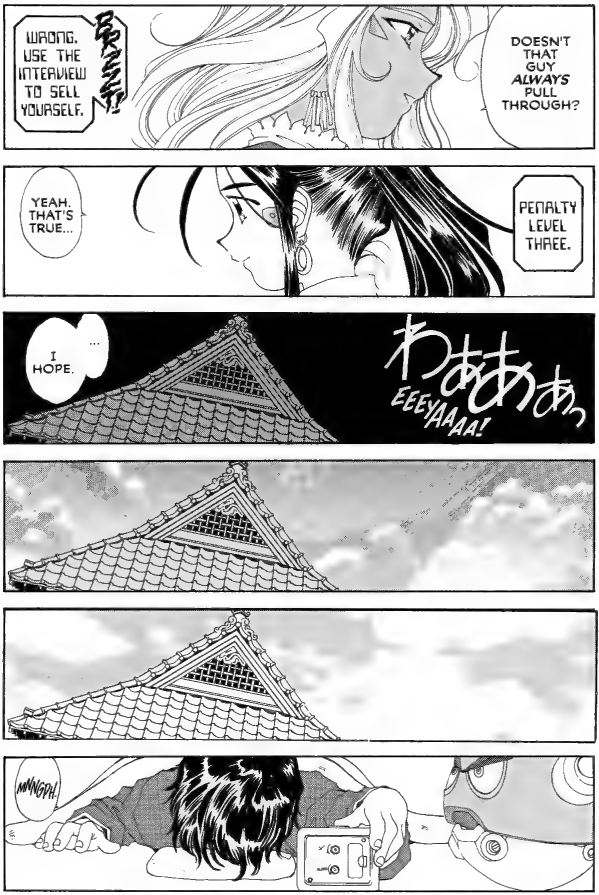

SHE DOESN'T ACTUALLY MEAN IT, DOES SHE?
YOU DO?
I LIKE IT!


WELL, THEN, MR. MORI-SATO... HAVE A SEAT.
THANK YOU, MA'AM.


BECAUSE OF LOVE!!
OH?
ER... uh... NO, I MEAN, LIKE... BECAUSE I LOVE MOTOR-CYCLES!
HA-HA!
y'know?

K-KEIICHI?!
UWAGH!!
PENALTY LEVEL TWO.
GACK?!
IM-PRECISE ANSWER.
BRZZZT!
IT'S THE SAME PRINCIPLE AS *TENS* THERAPEUTIC DEVICES. IT RELIEVES MUSCLE TENSION!
IT'S MERELY TRIGGERING MUSCLE CONTRACTIONS BY SENDING A WEAK ELECTRIC PULSE THROUGH HIS BODY.
DON'T WORRY.
SORRY. YOU CAN'T TAKE IT OFF.
UNG?
NNG!
ARE YOU *NUTS*, SKULD?!
WELL... IF IT'S GOOD FOR HIM, THEN I GUESS IT'S ALL RIGHT...


HMM... I WONDER IF HE CAN DO IT?
SPORTS
slam
I DESIGNED IT SO YOU CAN'T TAKE IT OFF... UNTIL YOU GET A PERFECT SCORE!
WHAT ?!
Y-YOU MEAN... IF I DON'T SATISFY THIS STUPID MACHINE...
...I'LL HAVE TO WEAR IT TO MY JOB INTERVIEW...?
ER..."WHAT DO YOU FEEL YOU CAN OFFER OUR COMPANY?"
OKAY, THEN! WHAT'S THE NEXT QUESTION!
OH, I THINK HE'LL BE OKAY, DON'T YOU?
MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE ASKED THAT SOONER.
BUT I JUST WANTED TO HELP!
GOSH... ER... GEE, I'M NOT REALLY ANYTHING SPECIAL...


DOESN'T THAT GUY ALWAYS PULL THROUGH?
BRZZT!!
WRONG. USE THE INTERVIEW TO SELL YOURSELF.
PENALTY LEVEL THREE.
YEAH. THAT'S TRUE...
...
I HOPE.
わあああ
EEEYAAAA!
MMNGPH!

gasp!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US *YESTERDAY*?! WITH *THAT* THING ON MY HEAD?!
NOON !!
WELL, WHEN IS IT?!
AAGH!!
I'M *DOOMED!!* I'LL NEVER MAKE IT!!
OKAY-- HERE.
JUST *DO IT*, PLEASE!
WELL... I'M NOT SURE I'D RECOM-MEND THAT...
YOUR FASTEST ONE!
URD! LOAN ME A BROOM!

HOLD ON TIGHT, KEIICHI !!
O-OKAY!
UM...
...LIKE THIS?
LUB-DUP LUB-DUP
I'M SO HAP-PY...
HERE WE GO!
KLUNK
AIIEEEEEEE!
WHY ARE THINGS ALWAYS SO CRAZY AROUND HERE?
IT'S KEIICHI. HE'S JUST A CRAZY KIND OF GUY.
YEAH.
...

FWOOSH
DON'T WORRY! WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT!

I...
C-CAN'T BREATHE...
I...
NO WONDER URD DIDN'T RECOM-MEND IT!
I MADE IT! ALIVE!
RIGHT! JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!
I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT, KEIICHI.
...
PRESIDENT

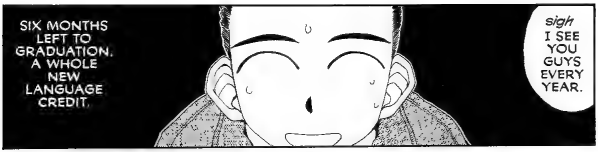
LET ME SEE YOUR HANDS, SON.
WELL, THEN.
...
NOT THE PALMS. THE BACKS.
ER... YES, SIR.
HUH ...?
??
HM.
HE MUST BE AT IT EVERY SINGLE DAY.
LOOK AT HOW DEEP THAT OIL'S SOAKED IN!
HE WORKS ON ENGINES, ALL RIGHT.

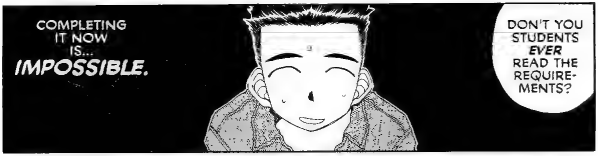
WE'LL HIRE YOU AS SOON AS YOU GRADU-ATE.
FINE. YOU'LL DO.
DON'T YOU NEED TO ASK ...?
HOW ABOUT MY BACK-GROUND, THE DIVISION I WANT TO WORK FOR... ALL THAT STUFF?
I MEAN... IS THAT ALL YOU NEED?
HUH ...?
YOUR HANDS TOLD ME ALL I NEED TO KNOW.
AND YOU CAME HERE BECAUSE YOU WANT TO WORK ON THEM, RIGHT?
WHY? YOU CAME HERE BECAUSE YOU LOVE BIKES, RIGHT?
OH ...!
WELCOME BIKERS
...
Kawasaki
SHOP
THANK YOU !!
I..I SEE, SIR!!
HEY, MORISATO! YOU STILL GOTTA GRADUATE FIRST!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

...
I WONDERED IF...I DUNNO... MAYBE I SHOULD *SAVE* WHAT I LOVE BEST. KEEP IT LIKE A HOBBY...
WOULD I STILL LOVE IT THEN? WOULD I BE ABLE TO KEEP THAT LOVE ALIVE?
IF I MADE IT MY WORK, THEN I'D HAVE TO DO IT EVEN WHEN I WAS TIRED... WHEN I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE IT...
I HONESTLY DIDN'T KNOW IF IT WAS SMART TO TURN THE THING I LOVE INTO A "JOB."
YOU KNOW WHAT? I WAS REALLY UNCER-TAIN.
CUSTOM CYCLES
IT'LL BE FINE!
...BUT IF IT'S SOMETHING YOU FEEL DEEPLY FOR, YOU'LL NEVER HATE IT.
MAYBE LOVING SOMETHING ISN'T *ALWAYS* FUN...

...YOU KNOW WHAT?
I THINK SO, TOO!
SORRY, MR. MORI-SATO.
YOU'RE SHORT ONE CREDIT.
ER... EX-CUSE ME?
...?!
...
ENGLISH IS *ONE* FOREIGN LAN-GUAGE, SIR.
WAIT, WAIT! I DID ALL MY ENGLISH CLASSES!
I DON'T SEE ANY SECOND FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES ON YOUR RECORD.


SIX MONTHS LEFT TO GRADUATION. A WHOLE NEW LANGUAGE CREDIT.
sigh I SEE YOU GUYS EVERY YEAR.

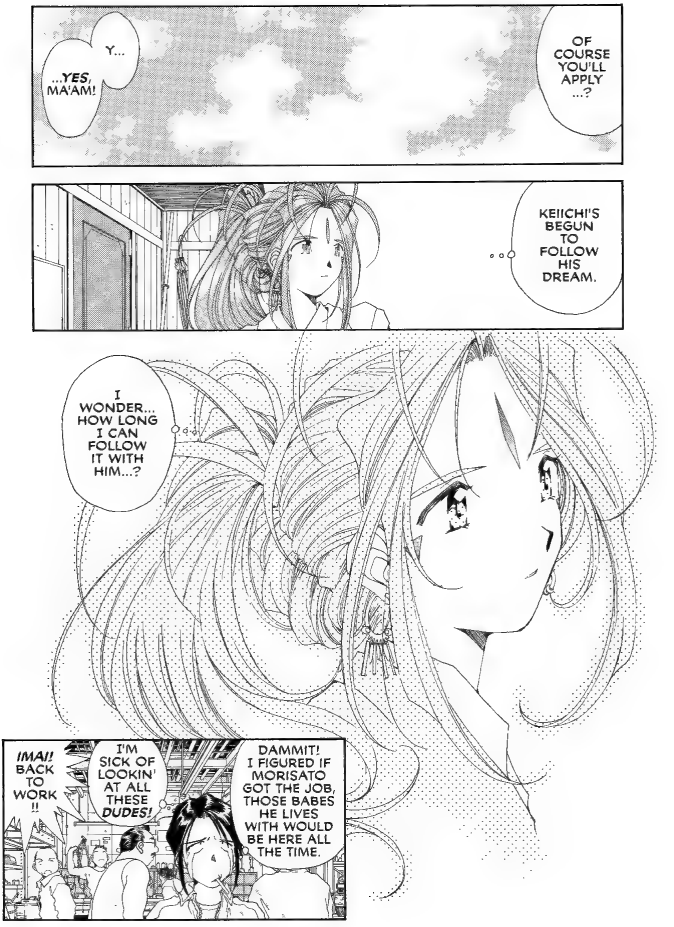

COMPLETING IT NOW IS... *IMPOSSIBLE.*
DON'T YOU STUDENTS *EVER* READ THE REQUIREMENTS?

SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR...
...KEIICHI MORISATO!

YEAH. I UNDERSTAND. THANKS ANYWAY.
chak
AFTER YOU WENT AND INTRODUCED ME AND ALL...
I'M REALLY SORRY, IMAI.
...
KEIICHI ...?
IT'LL BE PARADISE! HA, HA!
GOSH. HE'S MORE CHEERFUL THAN I EXPECTED.
LOOK CLOSER. SEE THE SWEAT...?
ALL THAT TIME TO DO ONE COURSE?! EVERY DAY'LL BE LIKE SUMMER VACATION!
HEH! HEH!

'SCUSE ME, PARDON ME, COMIN' THROUGH!
HEY, LOOK!
hup!
WELL, I'M OFF!
THANKS!
SHE'S OPENING A SHOP!
藤見千尋の店
@来4月 OPEN!
従業員募集
資格
猫実工大自動車部
部長経験者
※単位が一単位残っている
学生も可
TEL 0083
00-0000
集結せよ

CHI-HIRO ...!
"HELP WANT-ED" ...?
...
OH, YOU GOT IT WRONG, CHUM.
THANK YOU! I...I GUESS EVERYONE'S TRYING TO SAVE MY BUTT...
I WANT THEM WORKING FOR ME.
I'M SAVING YOUR HANDS.
I'M NOT INTEREST-ED IN SAVING YOUR BUTT.

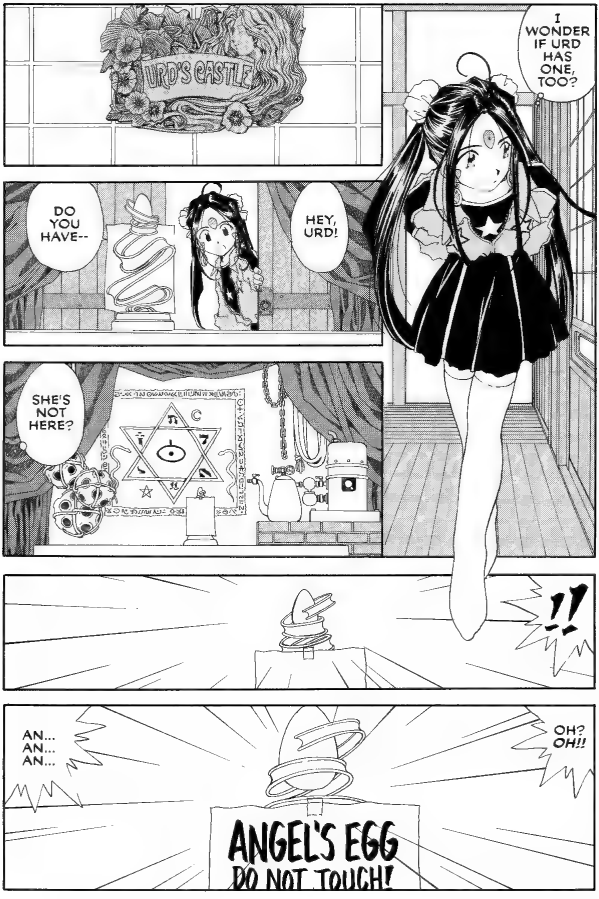

Y...
..YES, MA'AM!
OF COURSE YOU'LL APPLY ...?
KEIICHI'S BEGUN TO FOLLOW HIS DREAM.
I WONDER... HOW LONG I CAN FOLLOW IT WITH HIM...?
IMAI! BACK TO WORK !!
I'M SICK OF LOOKIN' AT ALL THESE DUDES!
DAMMIT! I FIGURED IF MORISATO GOT THE JOB, THOSE BABES HE LIVES WITH WOULD BE HERE ALL THE TIME.

CHAPTER 79

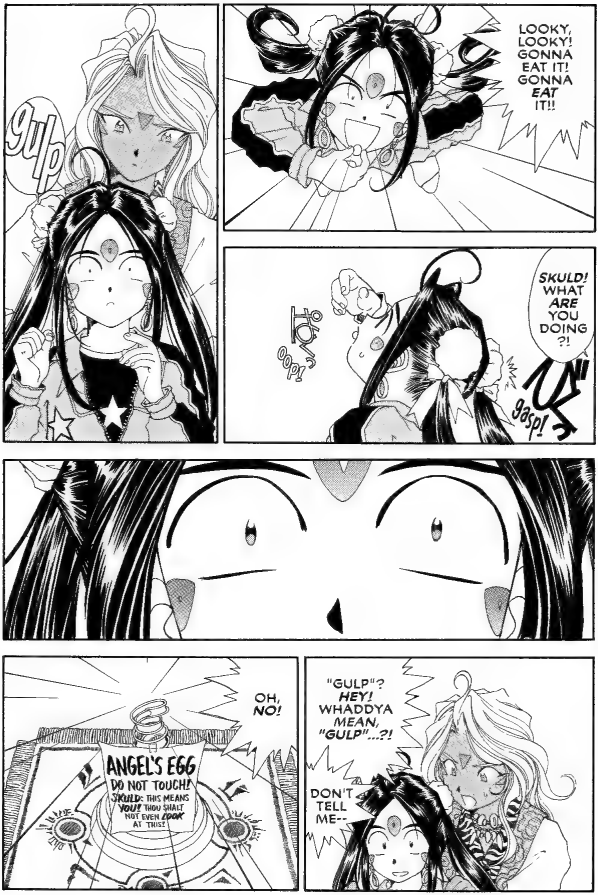
I Want to Be a Goddess Who Looks Good in Scarlet

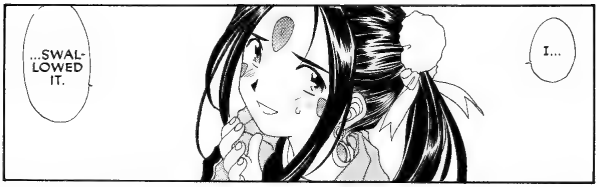
COME FORTH, HOLY BELL!

SING FOR THIS TREE A SONG OF HEALING!
Sigh
ANGELS...
...THEY'RE SO COOL.


URD'S CASTLE
I WONDER IF URD HAS ONE, TOO?
HEY, URD!
DO YOU HAVE--
SHE'S NOT HERE?
!!
OH? OH!!
AN... AN... AN...
ANGEL'S EGG
DO NOT TOUCH!

...ANGEL'S EGG!!
HM ...?
...IT...
IF... IF IT WAS MINE...
OOOOOHHH!
I'LL SHOW YOU! I'LL TOUCH IT TOUCH IT TOUCH IT!!
OH, YEAH? OH, YEAH?!?! BE THAT WAY, THEN, URD!
WHATCHA GONNA DO ABOUT IT, URD?!
BWA HA HA! I'M LOOKING! I'M TOUCHING!!
ANGEL'S EGG DO NOT TOUCH! SKULD: THIS MEANS YOU! THOU SHALT NOT EVEN LOOK AT THIS!


gulp
LOOKY, LOOKY! GONNA EAT IT! GONNA *EAT* IT!!
SKULD! WHAT *ARE* YOU DOING ?!
oops!
gasp!
OH, *NO!*
ANGEL'S EGG
DO NOT TOUCH!
SKULD: THIS MEANS *YOU!* THOU SHALT NOT EVEN *LOOK* AT THIS!
"GULP"? *HEY!* WHADDYA *MEAN,* "*GULP*"...?!
DON'T TELL ME--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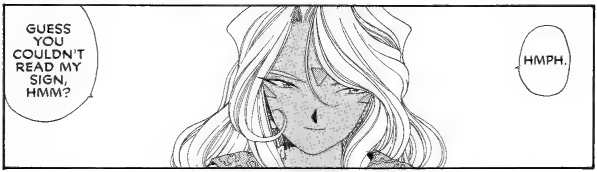
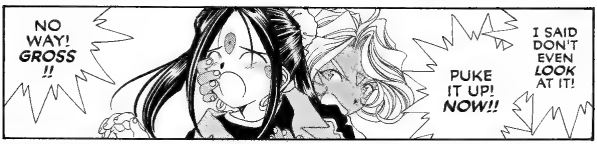
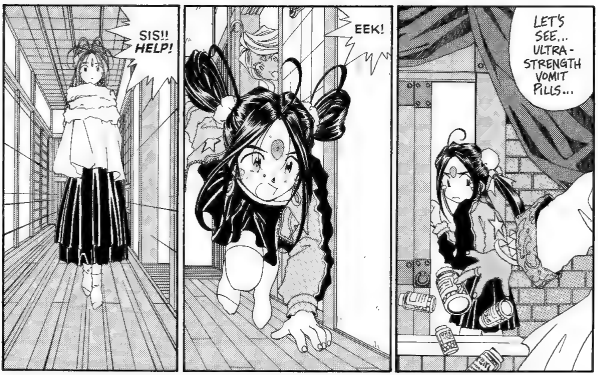
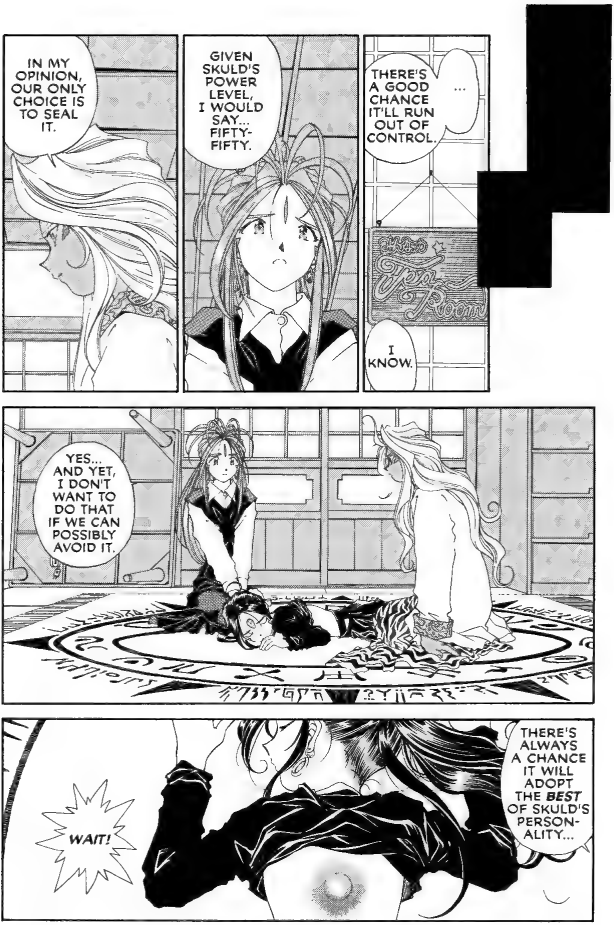
LOWED
IT.
I...


GUESS
YOU
COULDN'T
READ MY
SIGN,
HMM?
HMPH.

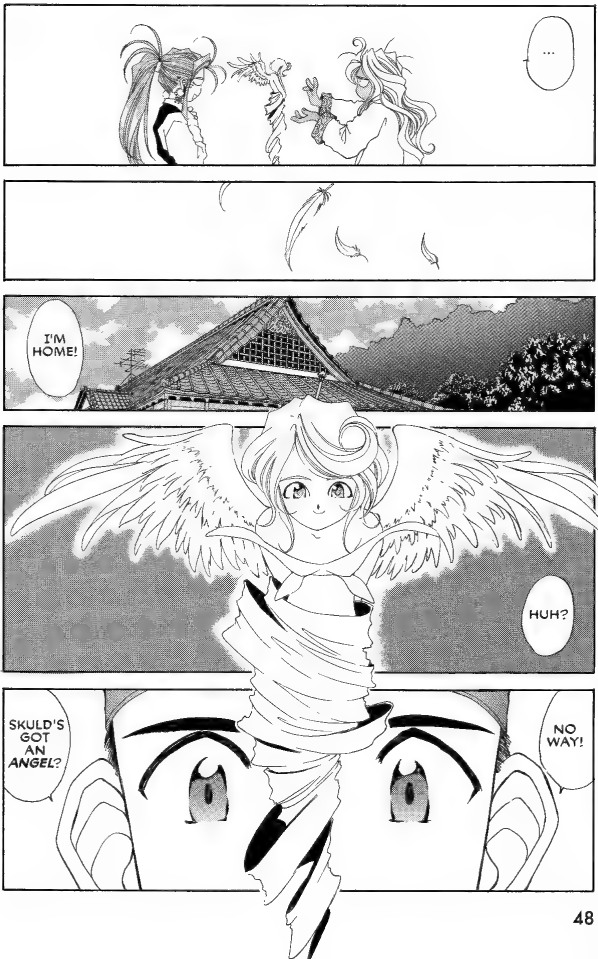

NO
WAY!
GROSS
!!
PUKE
IT UP!
NOW!!
I SAID
DON'T
EVEN
LOOK
AT IT!

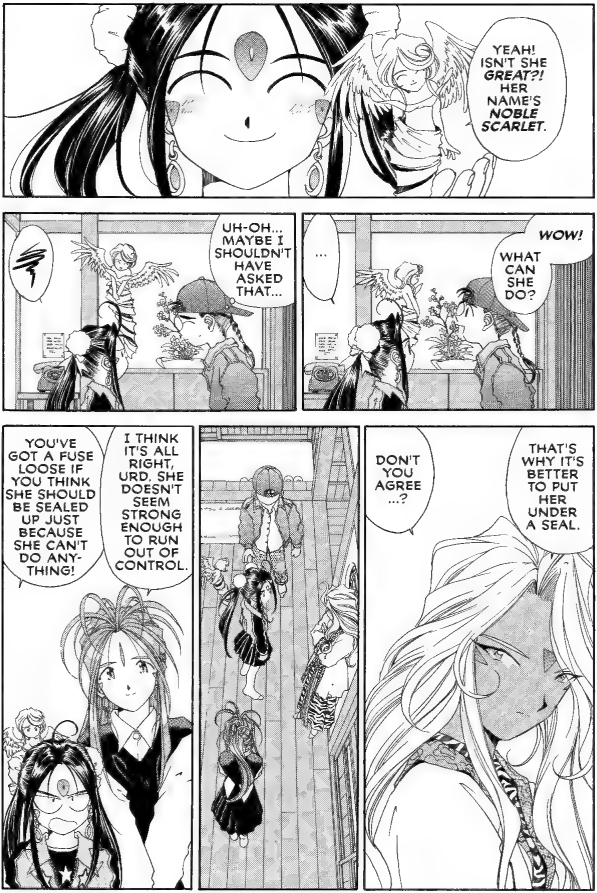

SIS!!
HELP!
EEK!
LET'S
SEE...
ULTRA-
STRENGTH
VOMIT
PILLS...

IT...IT HATCHED INSIDE ME...
SKULD!
?
URD'S TRYING TO PUNISH ME FOR EATING THE ANGEL'S EGG BY--
gasp
OH ...?
WHAT'S...
SKULD ...?
Skuld


IN MY OPINION, OUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO SEAL IT.
GIVEN SKULD'S POWER LEVEL, I WOULD SAY... FIFTY-FIFTY.
THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE IT'LL RUN OUT OF CONTROL.
...
I KNOW.
YES... AND YET, I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT IF WE CAN POSSIBLY AVOID IT.
WAIT!
THERE'S ALWAYS A CHANCE IT WILL ADOPT THE BEST OF SKULD'S PERSONALITY...

HERE IT COMES.


...
I'M HOME!
HUH?
SKULD'S GOT AN ANGEL?
NO WAY!


YEAH! ISN'T SHE GREAT?! HER NAME'S NOBLE SCARLET.
UH-OH... MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED THAT...
...
WOW! WHAT CAN SHE DO?
YOU'VE GOT A FUSE LOOSE IF YOU THINK SHE SHOULD BE SEALED UP JUST BECAUSE SHE CAN'T DO ANY-THING!
I THINK IT'S ALL RIGHT, URD. SHE DOESN'T SEEM STRONG ENOUGH TO RUN OUT OF CONTROL.
DON'T YOU AGREE ...?
THAT'S WHY IT'S BETTER TO PUT HER UNDER A SEAL.

FINE, THEN!
SHE WILL BE USEFUL! YOU'LL SEE!
THEN WHAT DO YOU MEAN, HUH?!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT !!
NEITHER OF YOU ARE MAKING ANY SENSE...
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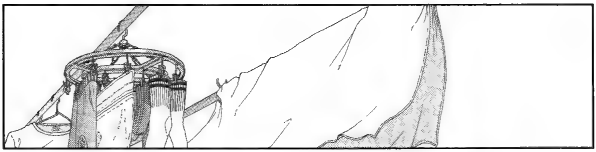

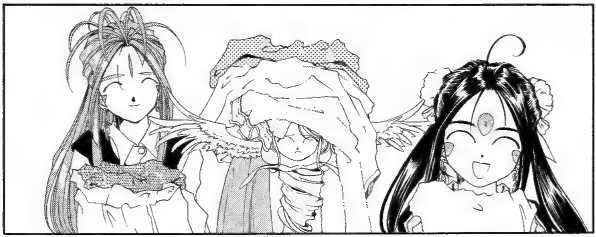

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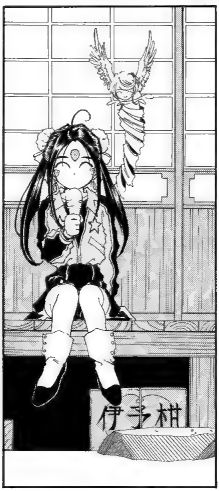
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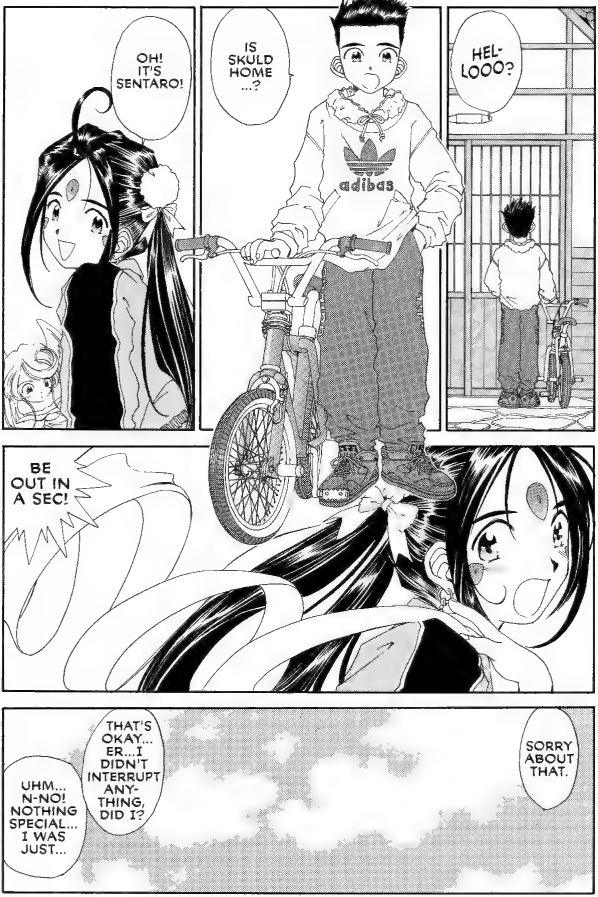
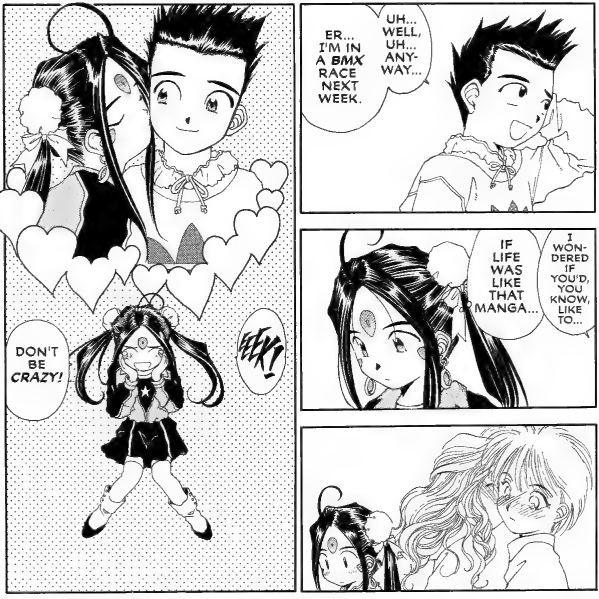
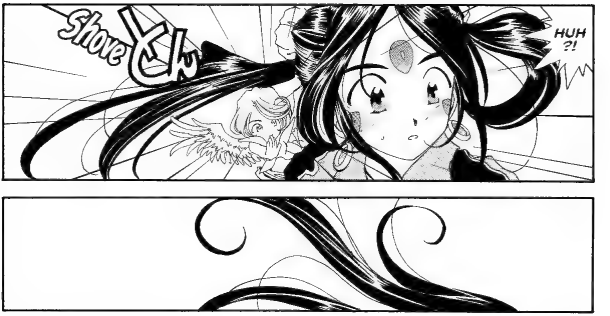

OH! IT'S SENTARO!
IS SKULD HOME ...?
HEL-LOOO?
adidas
BE OUT IN A SEC!
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
THAT'S OKAY... ER...I DIDN'T INTERRUPT ANY-THING, DID I?
UHM... N-NO! NOTHING SPECIAL... I WAS JUST...

?
IT'S A SOUVENIR. FROM THAT TRIP I TOOK.
OOH! IT'S SO CUTE!
adidas
UM...
TH--
--THANK YOU.


UH... WELL, UH... ANY-WAY...
ER... I'M IN A BMX RACE NEXT WEEK.
I WON-DERED IF YOU'D, YOU KNOW, LIKE TO...
IF LIFE WAS LIKE THAT MANGA...
EEK!
DON'T BE CRAZY!
...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HUH ?!

UM...
...I GOTTA GO!
I...
OH! OH...
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whoo
SEN-TARO ...!!
SKULD LABS

WHAT WERE YOU THINK-ING?!
ボスッ toss!
YOU MADE HIM RUN AWAY FROM ME!
NOW HE THINKS I'M WEIRD OR SOME-THING! I HATE YOU!
WAAAH!
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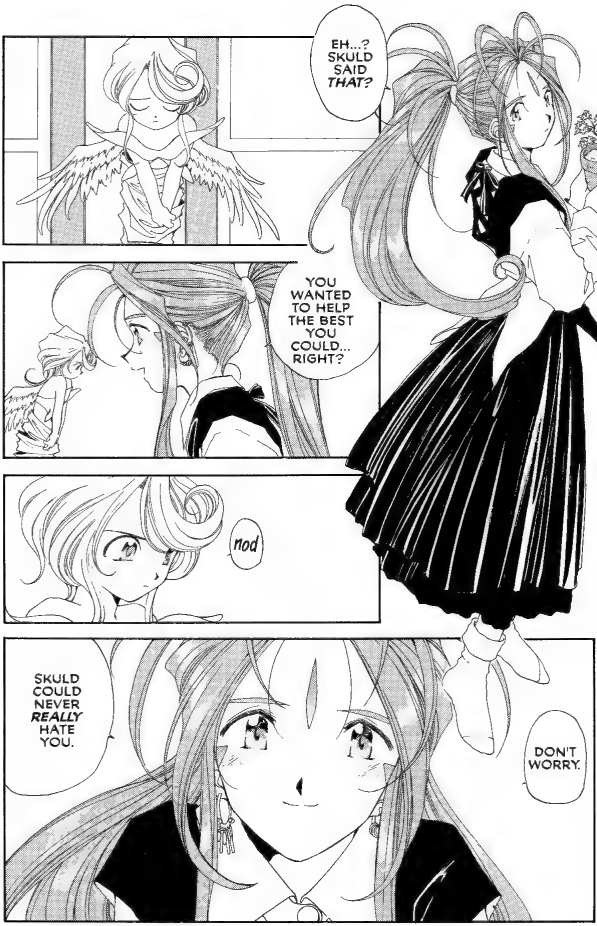
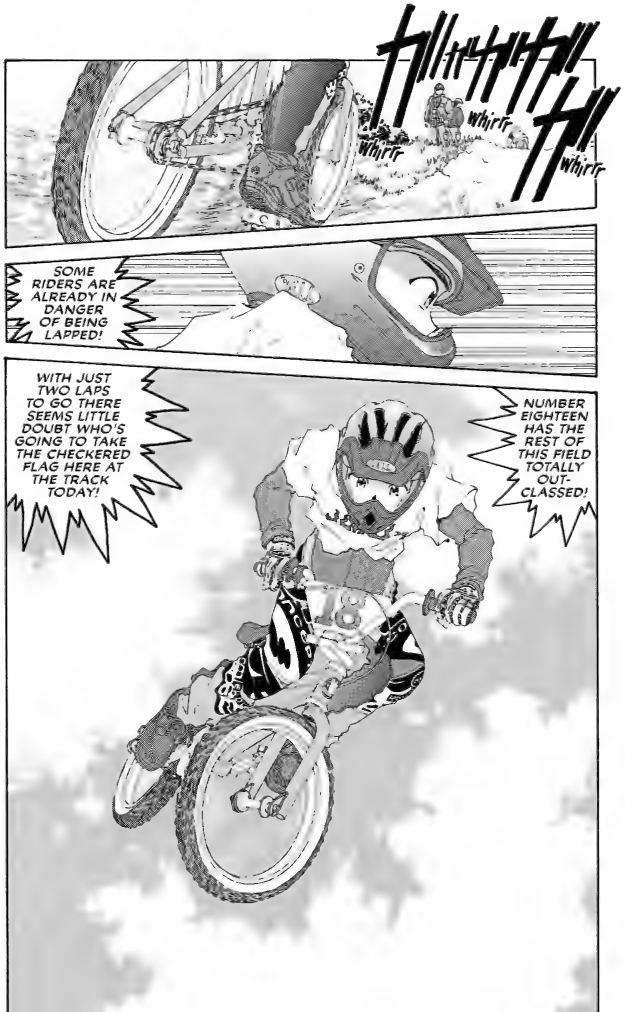
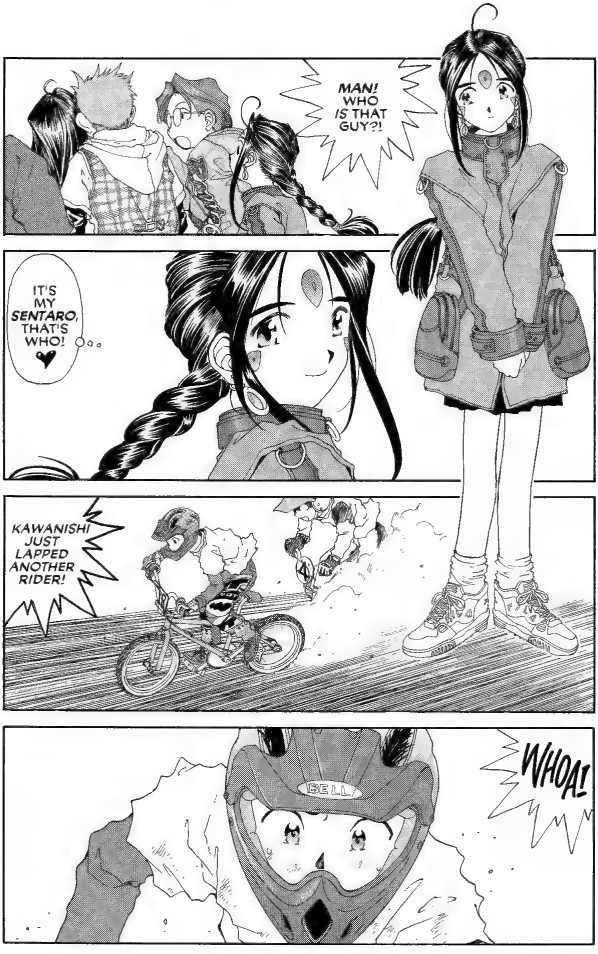
WAAAH!
Cartoon Spot Room


EH...? SKULD SAID *THAT?*
YOU WANTED TO HELP THE BEST YOU COULD... RIGHT?
nod
SKULD COULD NEVER *REALLY* HATE YOU.
DON'T WORRY.

SKULD
LABS
I'M NOT ANGRY WITH YOU ANY-MORE.

...YOU'LL HAVE TO GO BACK IN YOUR EGG, UNDER-STAND?
BUT IF YOU BUTT IN LIKE THAT AGAIN...
OKAY ...?
nod nod
YOU BROUGHT ME ICE CREAM?! ♥
OH? WHAT'S THIS?!
YAHOO!


Whirrr
Whirrr
Whirrr
SOME RIDERS ARE ALREADY IN DANGER OF BEING LAPPED!
WITH JUST TWO LAPS TO GO THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT WHO'S GOING TO TAKE THE CHECKERED FLAG HERE AT THE TRACK TODAY!
NUMBER EIGHTEEN HAS THE REST OF THIS FIELD TOTALLY OUT-CLASSED!


MAN! WHO IS THAT GUY?!
IT'S MY SENTARO, THAT'S WHO!
KAWANISHI JUST LAPPED ANOTHER RIDER!
WHOA!

NO-WHERE TO GO!
SO MUCH FOR HIS LEAD!
BAD LUCK FOR KAWANISHI--HE COULDN'T AVOID THAT BIKE!
WE'VE GOT A REAL RACE AGAIN HERE, FOLKS!

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grip
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HE'S BACK IN THE RACE AND HE'S EVEN FASTER THAN BEFORE THE CRASH!
IT'S NUMBER EIGHT-EEN!
SHAKK SHAKK
SHAKK
SHAKK SHAKK
KAWANISHI IS ON FIRE, FOLKS!

SEN-TARO...
...YOU'RE SO COOL!
BMX JUNIOR DIVI-SION...
...GRAND CHAMPION, SENTARO KAWA-NISHI!
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YAHOO!
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SO CUTE!
SECOND PLACE, TSUTOMU HAKO-ZAKI...
I GUESS I'LL JUST...
...GO HOME NOW.
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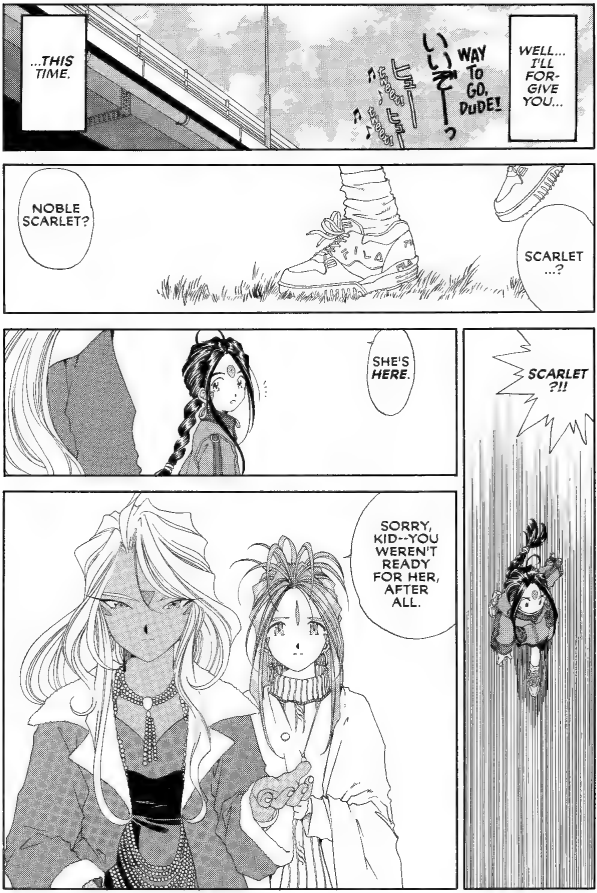
Uhh
Uhh...

...
EH?!
OH!!

THANKS, SKULD !!
C-CONGRAT-ULATIONS, SENTARO!
AH... UM...


...THIS TIME.
WELL... I'LL FOR-GIVE YOU...
WAY TO GO, DUDE!
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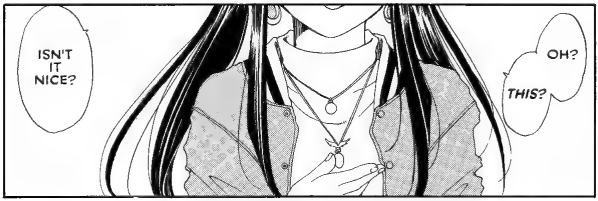
NOBLE SCARLET?
SCARLET ...?
SHE'S HERE.
SCARLET ?!!
SORRY, KID--YOU WEREN'T READY FOR HER, AFTER ALL.

YOU CAN'T JUST SAY THINGS WITHOUT THINKING.
ANGELS ARE *ABSOLUTELY OBEDIENT* TO THEIR MISTRESS.
...WHEN I SAID SHE'D HAVE TO GO BACK IN HER EGG IF SHE...
OH... OH! YOU MEAN...
BUT... BUT I *LOVED* MY ANGEL!
YES, DEAR. I KNOW YOU DID.
I L-LOVED HER... *sniff*

...SHE LOVED YOU, SKULD.
AND NOBLE SCARLET, TOO...
HEY? SKULD...
WHAT'S...
Next Day
I WILL.
...YOU TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER, ALL RIGHT?
SO...UNTIL THAT DAY WHEN YOU'VE GAINED ENOUGH POWER...

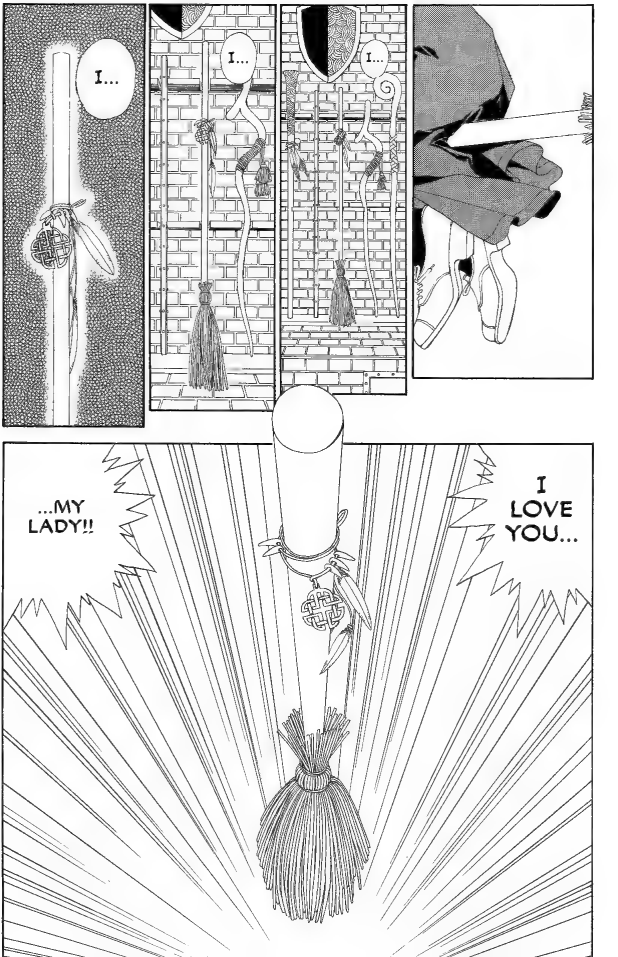

ISN'T IT NICE?
OH? THIS?

IT'S AN ANGEL'S EGG. ♥
I MEANT DID SOME OTHER GUY GIVE THAT TO YOU...
SKULD, YOU LITTLE HEART-BREAKER!

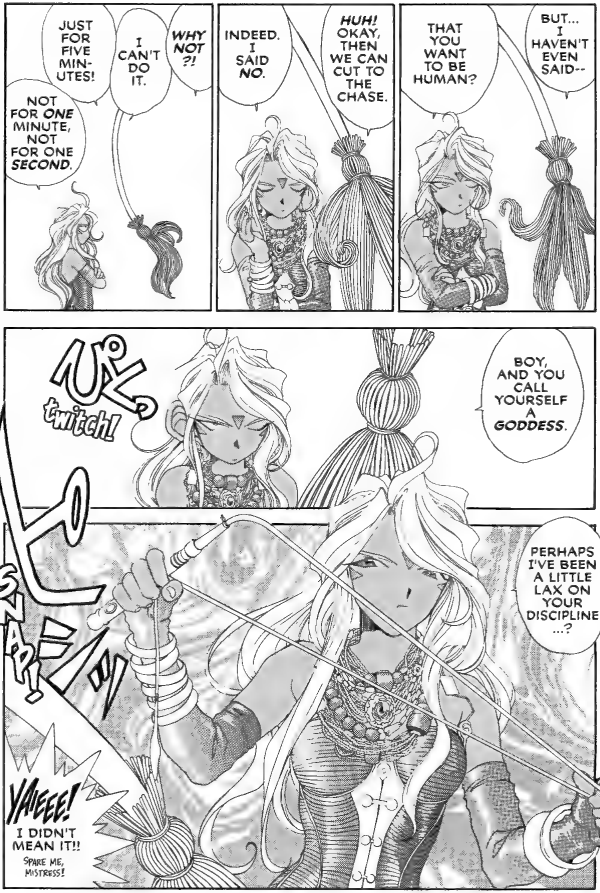
CHAPTER 80

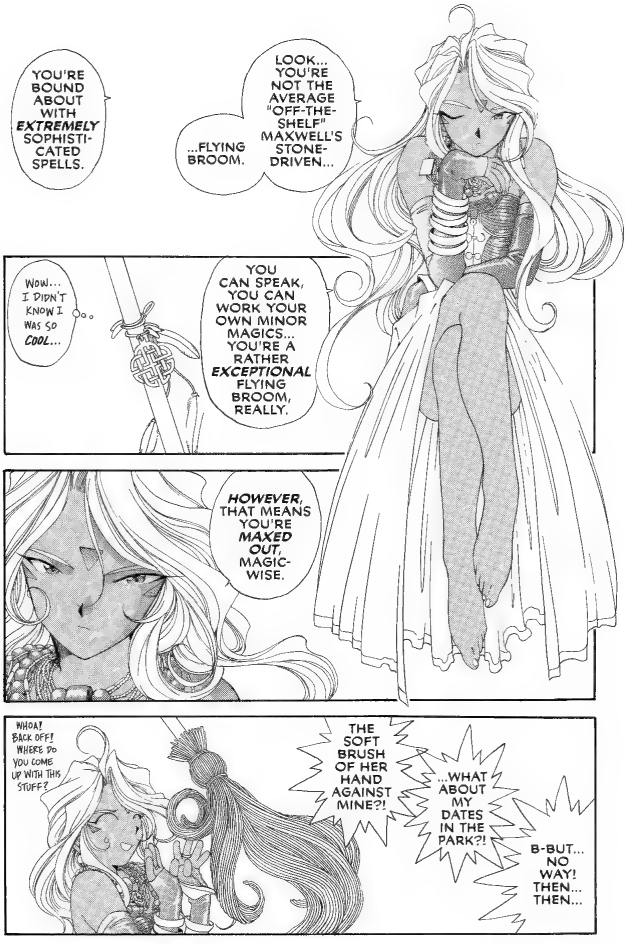
The Goddess's Apprentice

AH... MY LADY BELLDANDY ...!
HER SPARKLING, CRYSTAL-CLEAR EYES...
HER FRAGRANT, FEATHERY HAIR...
AND, OF COURSE, HER TENDER WARMTH...


I...
I...
I...
I LOVE YOU...
...MY LADY!!

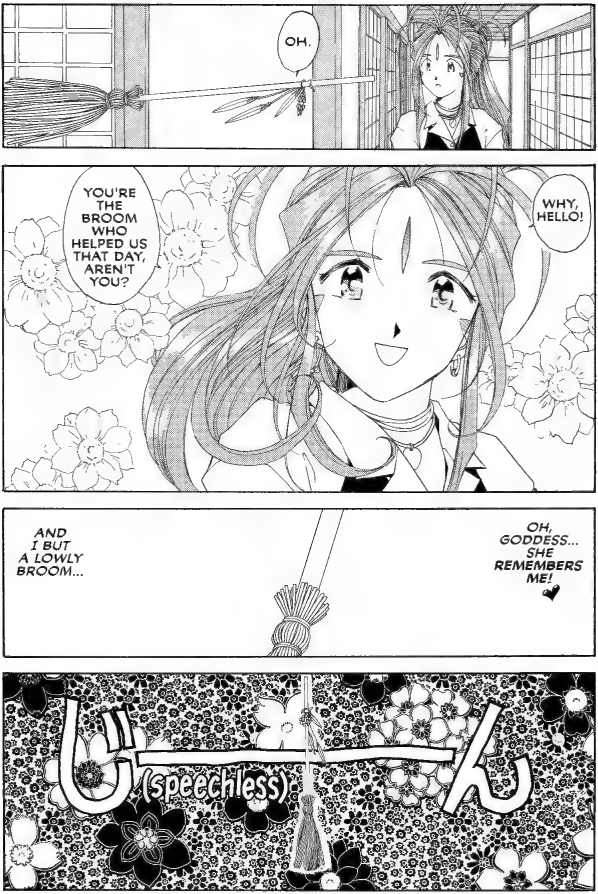
SINCE "AH...MY LADY BELL-DANDY ...!"
H-HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?
YOWI!
ENJOY-ING YOUR-SELF ...?
HMM. SO *THAT'S* WHERE HIS NECK IS.
OH MY GODDESS...! IT'S *OVER!* GOODBYE, CRUEL WORLD!
OF COURSE! I--
BUT WAIT!
NO WAY.

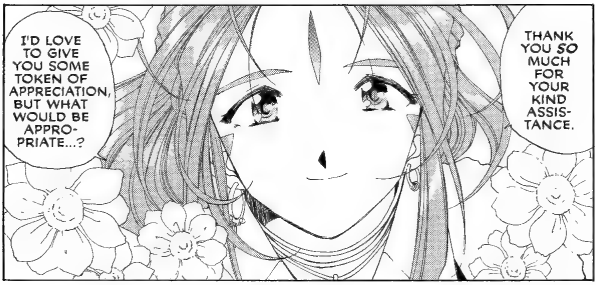

BUT... I HAVEN'T EVEN SAID--
THAT YOU WANT TO BE HUMAN?
HUH! OKAY, THEN WE CAN CUT TO THE CHASE.
INDEED. I SAID NO.
WHY NOT ?!
I CAN'T DO IT.
JUST FOR FIVE MIN-UTES!
NOT FOR ONE MINUTE, NOT FOR ONE SECOND.
BOY, AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A GODDESS.
twitch!
PERHAPS I'VE BEEN A LITTLE LAX ON YOUR DISCIPLINE ...?
SNAP!
YAEEE!
I DIDN'T MEAN IT!!
SPARE ME, MISTRESS!

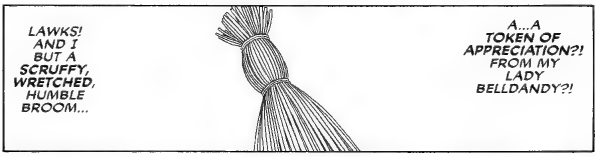

YOU'RE BOUND ABOUT WITH EXTREMELY SOPHISTICATED SPELLS.
LOOK... YOU'RE NOT THE AVERAGE "OFF-THE-SHELF" MAXWELL'S STONE-DRIVEN...
...FLYING BROOM.
WOW... I DIDN'T KNOW I WAS SO COOL...
YOU CAN SPEAK, YOU CAN WORK YOUR OWN MINOR MAGICS... YOU'RE A RATHER EXCEPTIONAL FLYING BROOM, REALLY.
HOWEVER, THAT MEANS YOU'RE MAXED OUT, MAGIC-WISE.
WHOA! BACK OFF! WHERE DO YOU COME UP WITH THIS STUFF?
THE SOFT BRUSH OF HER HAND AGAINST MINE?!
...WHAT ABOUT MY DATES IN THE PARK?!
B-BUT... NO WAY! THEN... THEN...

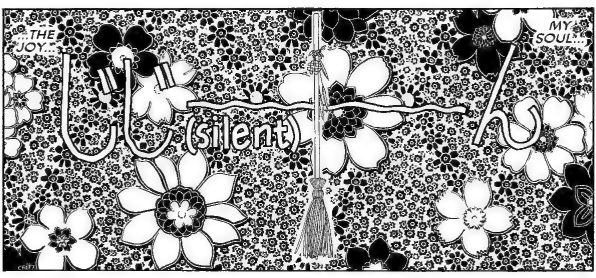
...
WHAT HAND?
DARN IT!! EVEN BROOMS GOT A RIGHT TO FALL IN LOVE!
WHAT'S SO WRONG WITH THAT?!
A MACHINE TO MAKE YOU HUMAN?
HUH?
SKULD LABS
THE GUY'S ALWAYS BEEN A BIT OF A ROMANTIC.
sigh I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE LOANED HIM TO BELL-DANDY.

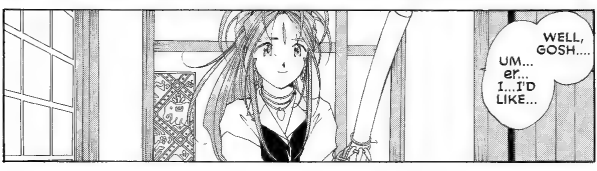
SKULD'S GOORIKI-SAN NO. 2!
IT'S A SPECIAL ATTACH-MENT I MADE FOR BANPEI!
WHAT ?!
HEY! HOW ABOUT THIS?!
...NOTH-ING QUITE LIKE THAT, BUT...
HMM...
...
OH! AN EARTH DRILL! YOU'LL LOVE THAT!
MAYBE A ROCKET PACK..?
'KAY... LEMME SEE.. THEN WE BOLT ON THESE LEGS...
NO ONE UNDER-STANDS ME!
WAAH!


OH.
WHY, HELLO!
YOU'RE THE BROOM WHO HELPED US THAT DAY, AREN'T YOU?
AND I BUT A LOWLY BROOM...
OH, GODDESS... SHE REMEMBERS ME!
(speechless)


I'D LOVE TO GIVE YOU SOME TOKEN OF APPRECIATION, BUT WHAT WOULD BE APPRO-PRIATE...?
THANK YOU *SO* MUCH FOR YOUR KIND ASSIS-TANCE.


LAWKS! AND I BUT A ***SCRUFFY, WRETCHED,*** *HUMBLE BROOM...*
A...A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION?! *FROM MY LADY* ***BELLDANDY?!***


THE JOY...
MY SOUL!...
(silent)

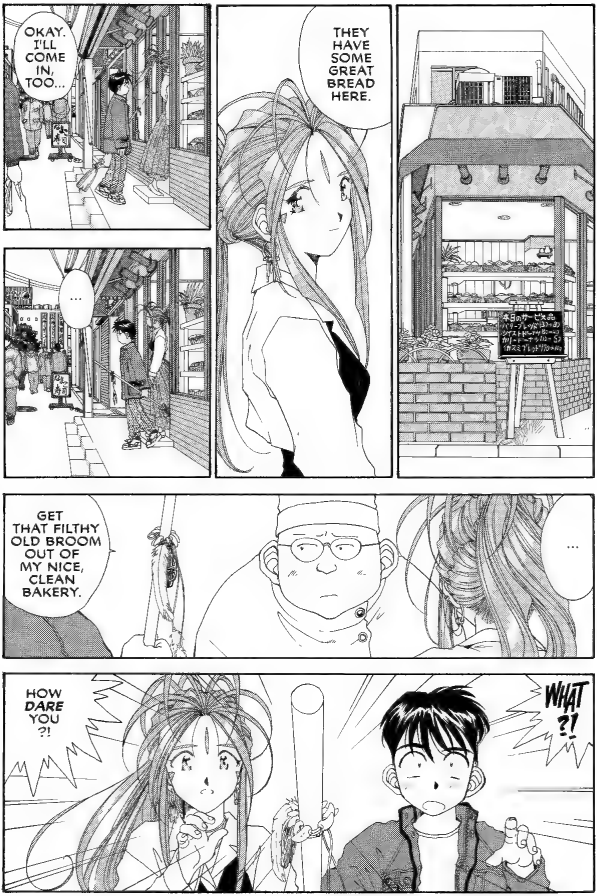

WELL, GOSH....
UM... er... I...I'D LIKE...

WOW... THAT BROOM OF URD'S CAN *TALK?*
?
NOOOO!
YOU CAN'T EMBARRASS HER LIKE THAT!!
KEIICHI MORI-SATO!
YOU! *YOU* !!
AND *NOBODY* TALKS TO ME LIKE THAT!
WHY YOU... I OUGHTA...
WHOA!
WHA --?!
MY *NAME*... IS... *STRING-FELLOW HAWKE!!*
I'M THE *WORLD'S GREATEST FLYING BROOM*, KID!

WAIT A SEC...
HEY...
SEE YOU LATER!
...DO YOU WANT *ME* TO CARRY YOU?
OKAY, BUT WHY...
YES, MY LADY... I'M IN SEVENTH HEAVEN!
NOW, YOU'RE *SURE*-- ALL YOU WANT IS JUST TO GO SHOPPING WITH US?
OKAY, OKAY... GEEZ.
AND DON'T YOU *FORGET IT!*
HEY!! YOU OWE ME ONE, KID!

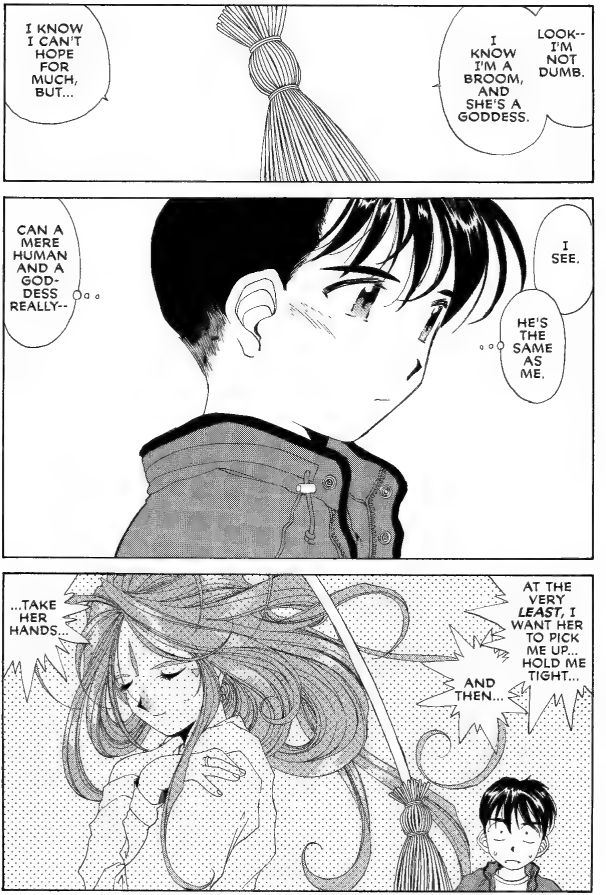
WHO SAID YOU COULD RIDE ME?!
fwapp
UP, UP, AND...
WELL, LET'S GET GOING.
rage!
HM?
sniff
WHY NOT?! YOU'RE A FLYING BROOM, RIGHT?!
HAH! ONLY LADY BELLDANDY IS PERMITTED TO RIDE ME!
AND MISTRESS URD.
NO MEN ALLOWED, AND ESPECIALLY YOU!
OOPS.
D-DEL...
SP... SPE-CIAL...

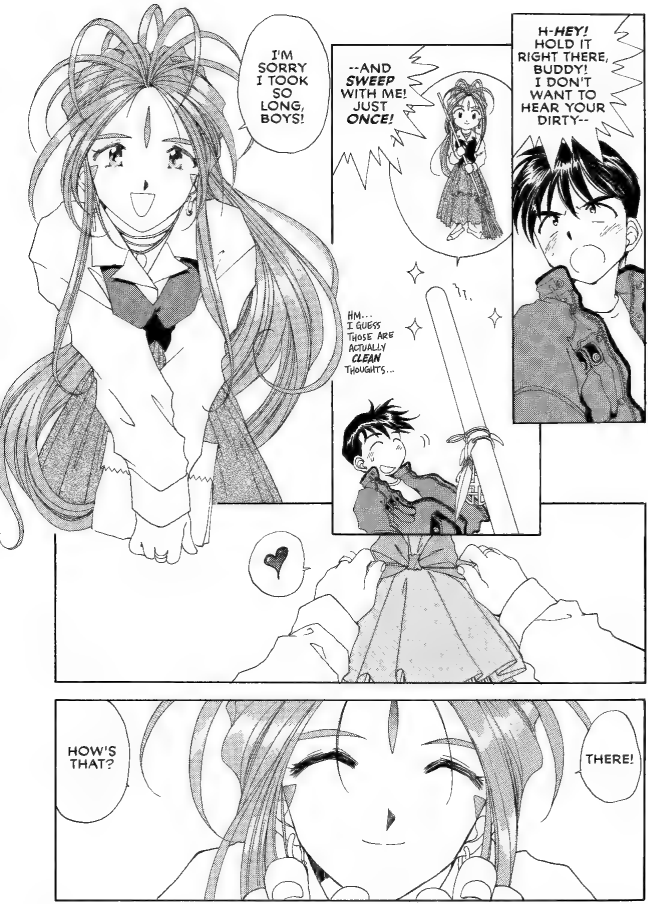
DON'T IGNORE MY GREATNESS!
SORRY ABOUT THAT... HEH, HEH...
ALWAYS SOMETHING INTERESTING AT THIS PLACE.
THANK HEAVENS IT'S JUST A TRICK A MAGIC TRICK
I'M THE WORLD'S GREATEST...
HEY! I MAY BE MAGIC, BUT I'M NO TRICK!
UM, YEAH! JUST PRACTICING....
WAS THAT... UH... SOME MAGIC TRICK?
ha ha ha ha heh
I'M GONNA GO POSTAL ON YOU! GET IT?
WELL, I GUESS WE'D REALLY STICK OUT IF WE FLEW, ANYWAY.
...BUT THIS ISN'T MUCH BETTER.

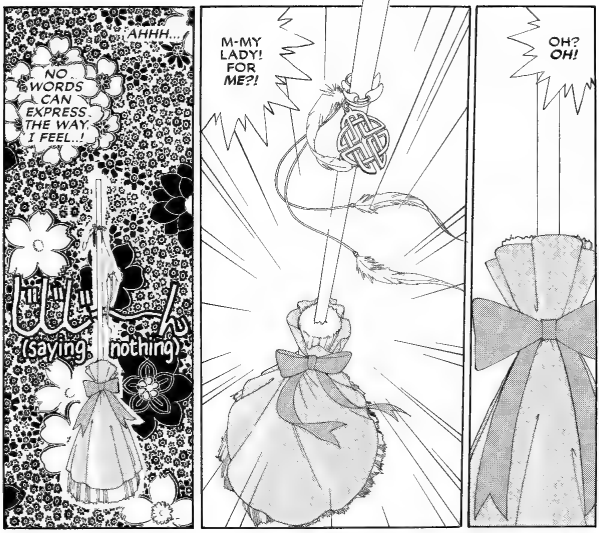

OKAY. I'LL COME IN, TOO...
THEY HAVE SOME GREAT BREAD HERE.
...
GET THAT FILTHY OLD BROOM OUT OF MY NICE, CLEAN BAKERY.
...
HOW *DARE* YOU ?!
WHAT ?!

AND I'M NO ORDINARY BROOM! MY NAME IS STRING-FELLOW--
I'M NOT FILTHY! I'M NOT OLD!
SORRY, SIR! WE WON'T DO IT AGAIN, SIR!!
--HAWKE --HEY!
KEIICHI, CAN YOU WAIT HERE A MINUTE?
HUH?
OH, SURE.
OH!
THROTTLE!
GRRR! WHY DO PEOPLE THINK I'M JUST A BROOM, WHEN IN FACT I'M THE WOR-- choke!

YOU'RE IN *LOVE* WITH BELL-DANDY...
...RIGHT?
GET WHAT?
NOW I GET IT.
SEE YOU LATER, HONEY!
I GOT A HEART, EVEN IF IT'S MADE OF STRAW AND WOOD!
OKAY, I *KNOW* I'M JUST A *BROOM!*
YEAH? *SO* ?!
I WANT TO TOUCH THAT SILKEN HAIR...
I WANT TO HOLD THOSE SOFT, SWEET HANDS...


I KNOW I CAN'T HOPE FOR MUCH, BUT...
I KNOW I'M A BROOM, AND SHE'S A GODDESS.
LOOK-- I'M NOT DUMB.
CAN A MERE HUMAN AND A GOD-DESS REALLY--
I SEE.
HE'S THE SAME AS ME.
...TAKE HER HANDS...
AND THEN...
AT THE VERY *LEAST*, I WANT HER TO PICK ME UP... HOLD ME TIGHT...


I'M SORRY I TOOK SO LONG, BOYS!
--AND SWEEP WITH ME! JUST ONCE!
H-HEY! HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, BUDDY! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOUR DIRTY--
HM... I GUESS THOSE ARE ACTUALLY CLEAN THOUGHTS...
HOW'S THAT?
THERE!


AHHH...
NO WORDS CAN EXPRESS THE WAY I FEEL..!
(saying nothing)
M-MY LADY! FOR ME?!
OH? OH!

AH, HA! I GET IT-- THIS WAY, HE LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING WE BOUGHT!
(still quiet)
OH.
YEAH?
(saying mum)
WELL, ACTUALLY... I JUST THOUGHT IT WOULD LOOK DARLING ON HIM.

WHAT'S REALLY SCARY IS THAT IT SUITS ME.
GAME

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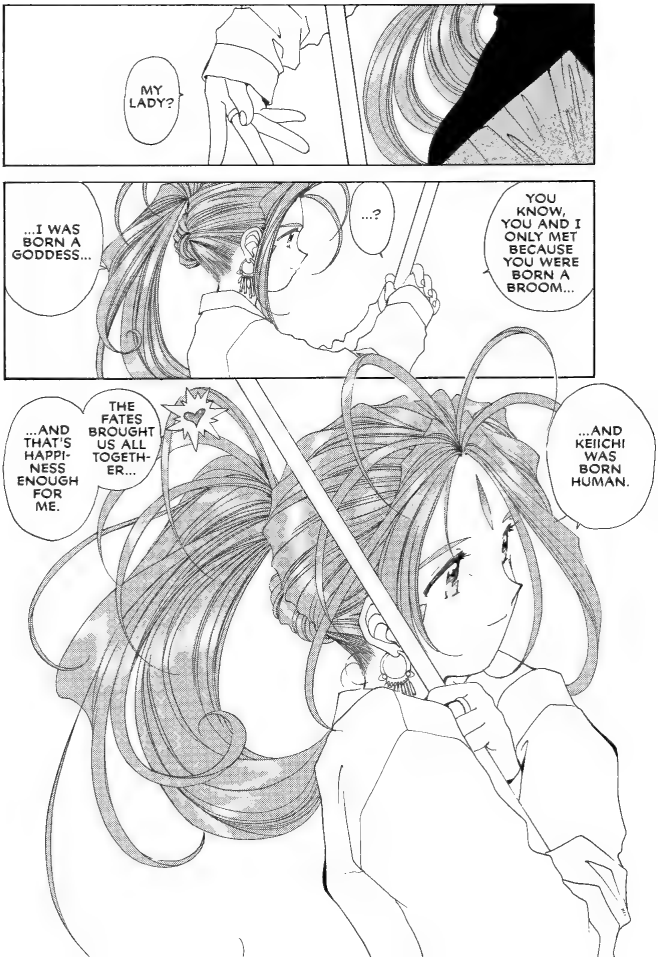
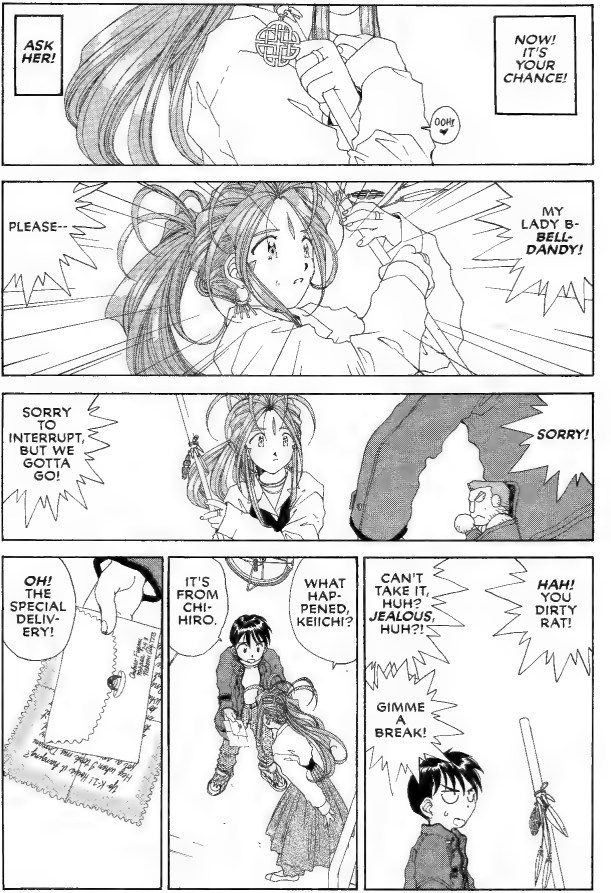
WHOOP!
CRANE
WHOA!
YES!
GACK!
ARRRGH!
IT'S HER I WANT!
I'VE ALREADY GOT FIVE RANDERS!
SERIS... CUTE, CUTE SERIS...
BRAVO, BRAVO! YOU GOT ONE!

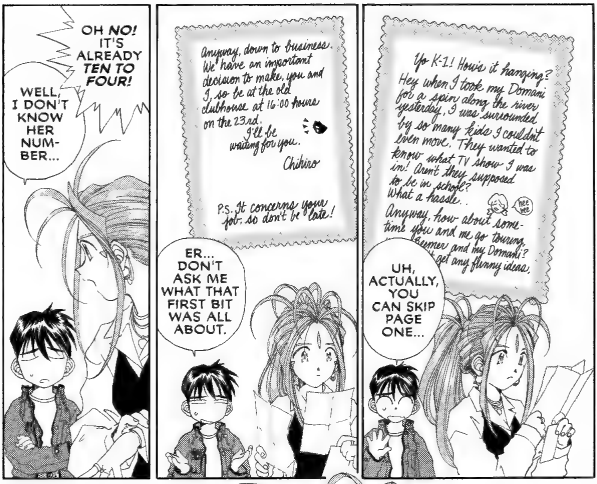
AHH... IT'S LIKE A DREAM.
THE LOVELY LADY BELL-DANDY, SMILING BESIDE ME.
B-BUT... WHAT IS THIS?
...EVERY TIME HER HAIR BRUSHES ME, THIS HEART THAT SHOULD BE SO JOYFUL...

...SLIPS DEEPER INTO DESPAIR.
sigh
MY LADY... WHY WAS I BORN A FLYING BROOM?
IF ONLY I'D BEEN BORN HUMAN...
...MY LIFE MIGHT BE CAREFREE AS HIS.
Carefree
I CAN HEAR YOU...
...I UNDER-STAND YOU COM-PLETELY.
...BUT IT'S OKAY, PAL.

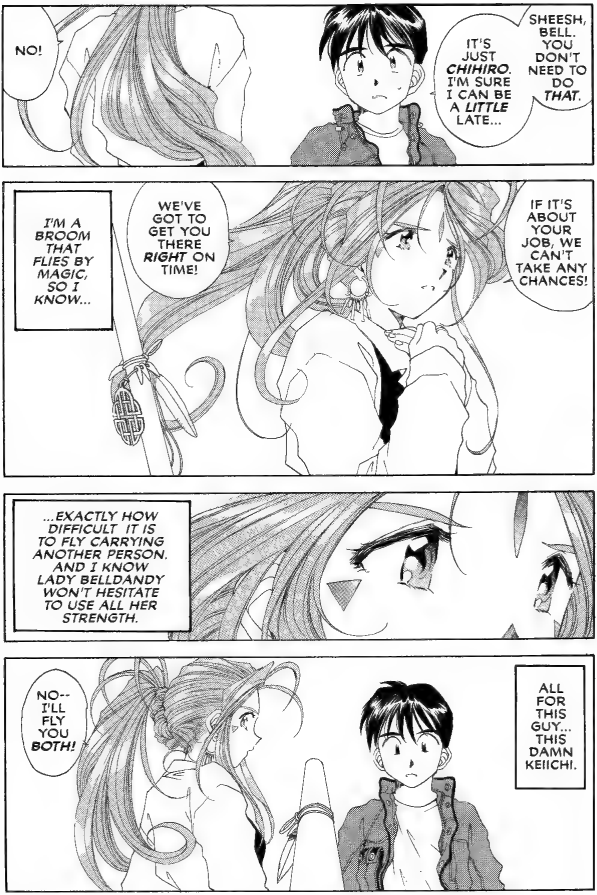
OOPS
THAT LETTER..
THINK I GOT ANOTHER COIN...
GACK!
Not exactly carefree
NOT AGAIN ?!
...
YOU KNOW...
...MR. HAWKE...
...WE KNOW THERE'S HAPPINESS WAITING FOR US, TOO.
AND YET...
...THERE'S SORROW IN LIFE FOR ANYONE WHO'S EVER LIVED.

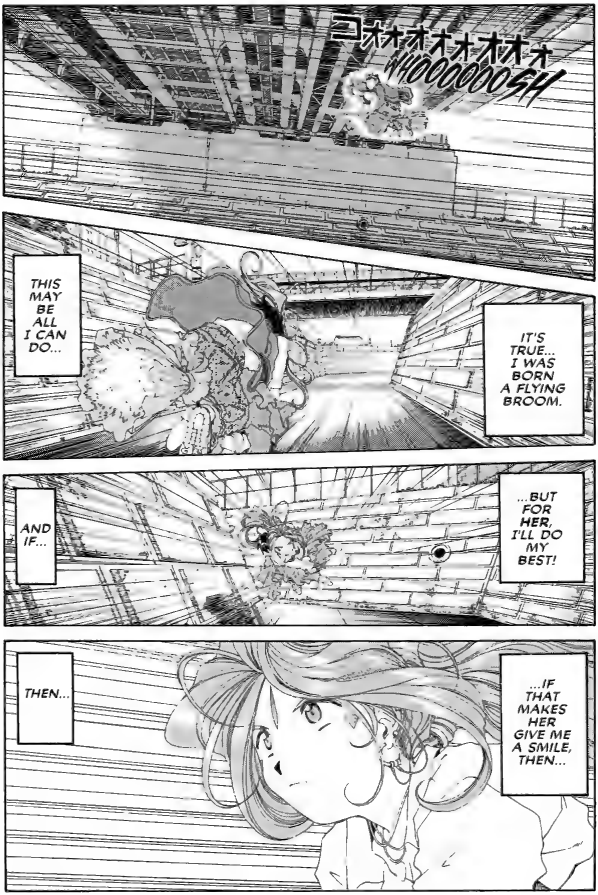

MY LADY?
...I WAS BORN A GODDESS...
...?
YOU KNOW, YOU AND I ONLY MET BECAUSE YOU WERE BORN A BROOM...
...AND THAT'S HAPPINESS ENOUGH FOR ME.
THE FATES BROUGHT US ALL TOGETHER...
...AND KEIICHI WAS BORN HUMAN.


ASK HER!
NOW! IT'S YOUR CHANCE!
OOH!
PLEASE--
MY LADY B-BELL-DANDY!
SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT WE GOTTA GO!
SORRY!
OH! THE SPECIAL DELIV-ERY!
IT'S FROM CHI-HIRO.
WHAT HAP-PENED, KEIICHI?
CAN'T TAKE IT, HUH? JEALOUS, HUH?!
HAH! YOU DIRTY RAT!
GIMME A BREAK!


OH NO! IT'S ALREADY TEN TO FOUR!
WELL, I DON'T KNOW HER NUM-BER...
Anyway, down to business. We have an important decision to make, you and I, so be at the old clubhouse at 16:00 hours on the 23rd.
I'll be waiting for you.
Chihiro
P.S. It concerns your job, so don't be late!
ER... DON'T ASK ME WHAT THAT FIRST BIT WAS ALL ABOUT.
Yo K-1! How's it hanging? Hey, when I took my Domani for a spin along the river yesterday, I was surrounded by so many Lexie I couldn't even move! They wanted to know what TV show I was in! Aren't they supposed to be in school? What a hassle.
Anyway, how about some time you and me go touring temples and buy Domani? I got any funny ideas.
UH, ACTUALLY, YOU CAN SKIP PAGE ONE...

I'LL FLY YOU THERE!!
THIS IS SERIOUS, KEIICHI!


NO!
IT'S JUST CHIHIRO. I'M SURE I CAN BE A LITTLE LATE...
SHEESH, BELL. YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THAT.
I'M A BROOM THAT FLIES BY MAGIC, SO I KNOW...
WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU THERE RIGHT ON TIME!
IF IT'S ABOUT YOUR JOB, WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!
...EXACTLY HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO FLY CARRYING ANOTHER PERSON. AND I KNOW LADY BELLDANDY WON'T HESITATE TO USE ALL HER STRENGTH.
NO-- I'LL FLY YOU BOTH!
ALL FOR THIS GUY... THIS DAMN KEIICHI.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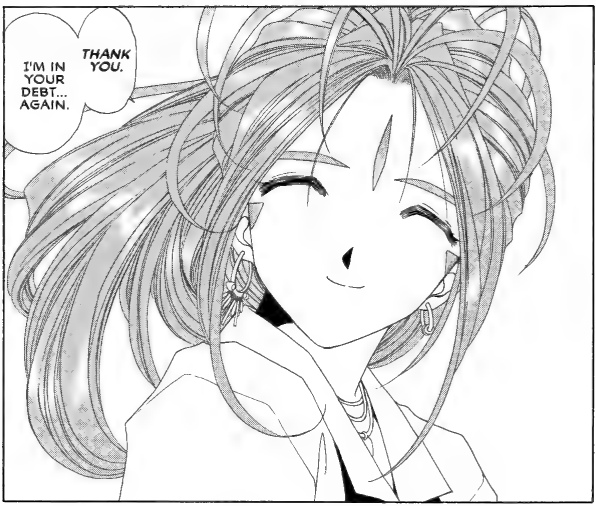
WHOOOOOOSH
THIS MAY BE ALL I CAN DO...
IT'S TRUE... I WAS BORN A FLYING BROOM.
AND IF...
...BUT FOR HER, I'LL DO MY BEST!
THEN...
...IF THAT MAKES HER GIVE ME A SMILE, THEN...

MR. HAWKE ...?
...TH-THAT MUST A' BEEN TWICE AS FAST AS BEFORE!
haa
haa
hahh


I'M IN YOUR DEBT... AGAIN.
THANK YOU.

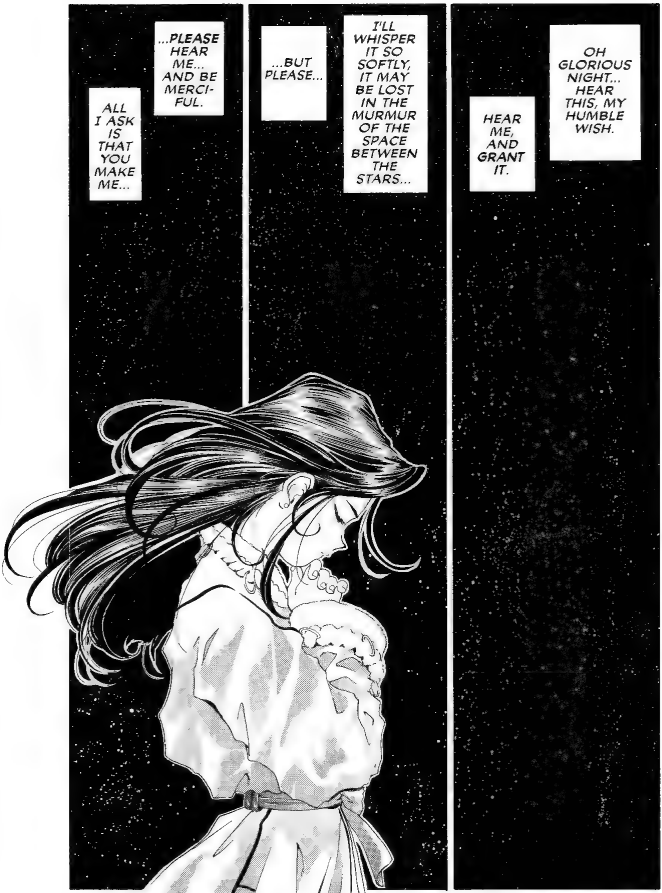
....
N-NO.
YOU... YOU'VE PAID ME BACK..
...A THOU-SAND...
...times...
ガクン
klunk
HEY!
WHAT TH--?
HEY?
?!

SNOZ
I'M IMPRESSED.
HEY, RIGHT ON TIME!
SO, LET'S GET RIGHT DOWN TO BUSINESS.
...WHICH DO YOU PREFER?
THIS ONE OR THIS ONE...
WHIRLWIND
WHIRLWIND
YEP.
DON'T TELL ME THIS IS WHY...
I COULDN'T MAKE UP MY MIND.
THIS ONE IT IS!
OKAY!
HMM... THIS ONE.

IT'S THE LOGO FOR MY NEW STORE! OUR NEW STORE!
I MEAN, HEY, IT'S IMPOR-TANT, RIGHT?
...!
OH?!
WHO... IS SHE?!
LEMME GO!
CUT IT OUT, YOU CRAZY BROOM!
BUT SHE'S SO DREAMY! I JUST GOTTA HAVE HER SWEEP WITH ME!
MAYBE HE'S JUST GIRL CRAZY.

CHAPTER 81

Call Me Queen!


ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU MAKE ME...
...PLEASE HEAR ME... AND BE MERCI-FUL.
...BUT PLEASE...
I'LL WHISPER IT SO SOFTLY, IT MAY BE LOST IN THE MURMUR OF THE SPACE BETWEEN THE STARS...
HEAR ME, AND GRANT IT.
OH GLORIOUS NIGHT... HEAR THIS, MY HUMBLE WISH.

--Campus Queen!!
...THE NEKOMI INSTITUTE OF TECHNO-LOGY'S--
AHH!
I CAN HEAR THE STARS SAYING "YES."

...WITH THAT MUCH SINCERITY AND MIND FORCE?
HOW CAN SHE BE PRAYING FOR SOMETHING SO POINTLESS AND STUPID...
...MAKE ME THE NEKOMI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY'S CAMPUS QUEEN!!

OH, WELL...
...IT SEEMS YOUR WISH SUITS MY NEEDS TOO.
The Next Day
BWA HA HA!!
R'S QUEE
ECH

AFTER ALL, WHEN YOUR OPPO-NENT'S A WITCH...
IT WAS OVER BEFORE IT STARTED.
SAD, BUT TRUE.
LAST YEAR, I NEVER HAD A CHANCE.
(LAST YEAR'S QUEEN: BELLDANDY)
NEKOMI TECH
CAMPUS QUEEN
CONTEST
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!
(UNDERGRADUATES ONLY) CONTACT: CQC@NIT.EDU
SUCH A SWEET, INNOCENT FACE...
OH, YOU'RE TOUGH.
...
...I'M AP-PALLED...
...YET BEHIND THAT FACADE, YOU BEWITCHED THEM ALL WITH YOUR LASCIVIOUS SPELLS. I'M SHOCKED...

AHH! I WANT MAGICAL POWERS, TOO!!
...I'M TOTALLY ENVIOUS !!
POWER !!
HEAVENS ABOVE... GRANT ME POWER.
...THEN HELL BELOW! YES! I WOULD SELL EVEN MY SOUL FOR POWER!
AND IF NOT THE HEAVENS ABOVE...
YOU DESIRE... POWER?
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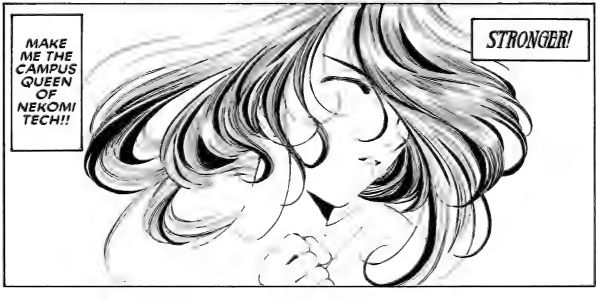
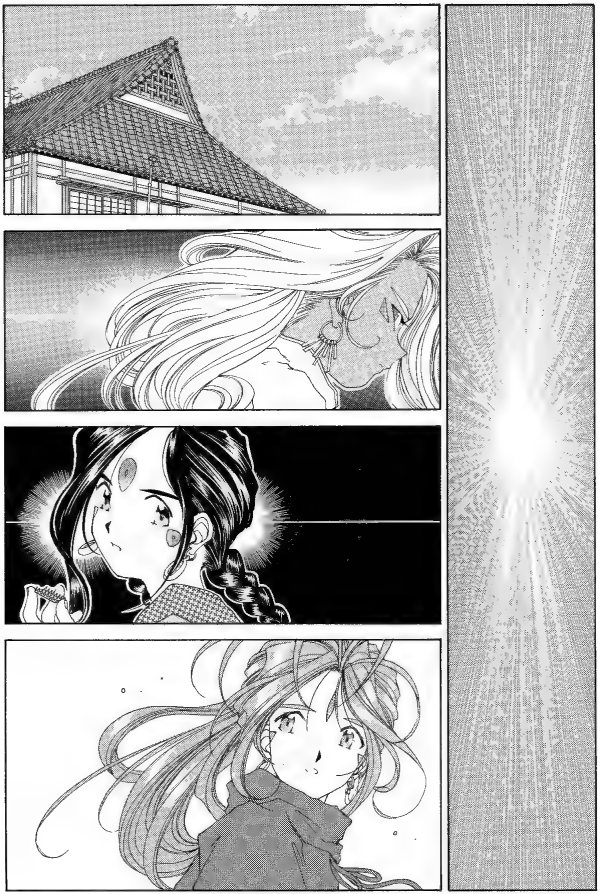
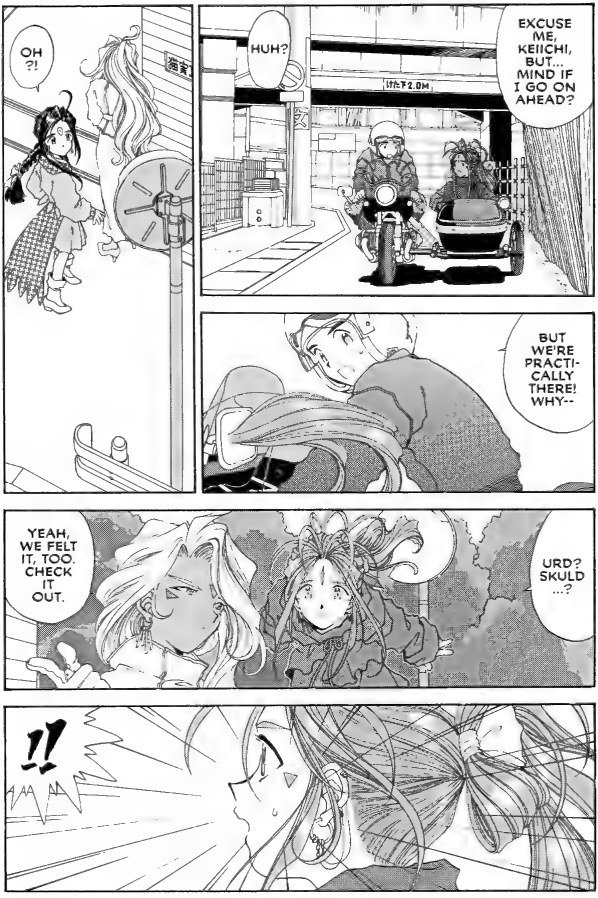
ffftttt

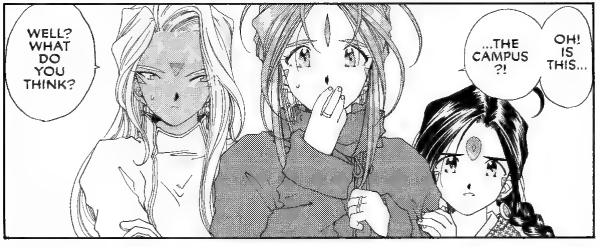
YOU WISH TO BE THE CAMPUS QUEEN OF NEKOMI TECH?
YES. YES!!
THERE IS... ONE CONDITION.
YES! I WISH IT!
DEAL!
WELL, WHATEVER. I'M FLEXIBLE ON THE WHOLE SELL-YOUR-SOUL THING.
IF YOU SAY "SELL MY SOUL," THAT'LL BE SO LAME.
UH? DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY YOU'D SELL IT?
REALLY.
FIGURE OF SPEECH.

GIVE ME POWER!
THEN SUMMON YOUR STRENGTH OF WILL... AND PRAY!


MAKE ME THE CAMPUS QUEEN OF NEKOMI TECH!!
STRONGER!




OH ?!
HUH?
EXCUSE ME, KEIICHI, BUT... MIND IF I GO ON AHEAD?
BUT WE'RE PRACTI-CALLY THERE! WHY--
URD? SKULD ...?
YEAH, WE FELT IT, TOO. CHECK IT OUT.
!!


WELL? WHAT DO YOU THINK?
...THE CAMPUS ?!
OH! IS THIS...

THIS SETUP JUST AIN'T HER STYLE.
...YEAH. I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU.
I THINK IT'S SO TACKY.
SO, ANYWAY... WHO DO YOU THINK IS RESPONSIBLE, SISTER?
AND YET...
IT MUST BE MARA.
WELL, WE WON'T GET ANYWHERE JUST GABBING ABOUT IT!
I'M GOING IN!
WHOA! HEY! STOP!

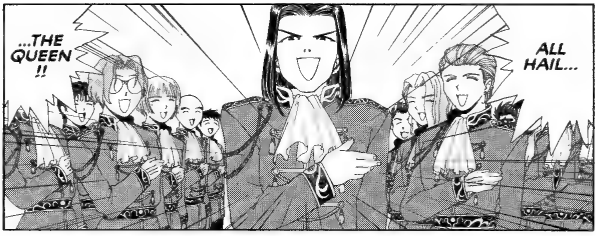
I LIVE ONLY TO SERVE YOU!
OHHH!
MY QUEEN... MY PERFECT, LOVELY QUEEN!!
...?
...GET BACK HERE!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "EVEN I" ...?
N-NO KIDDING! EVEN I COULDN'T RESIST IT!
WHEW THAT WAS CLOSE...
IT'S A MIND-FORCE FIELD !!
HUH?
OH!
HEY!
SUDDENLY YOU JUST VANISHED, AND--
haa
hff
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT ABOUT?

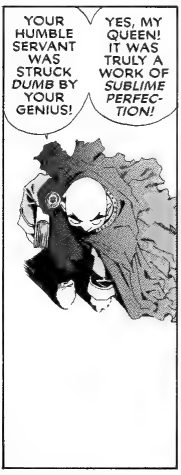
NO !!
WHAT TH--?!
wobble
GACK ?!
C'MON, THIS IS GETTING TIRED.
MAKE THIS MISERABLE WRETCH YOUR SLAVE!!
OOH! ♥ QUEEN SAYOKO, YOUR ROYAL MAJESTY!
"QUEEN SAYOKO" ...?
WAIT!

...SAYOKO DID THIS? BUT... HOW??
MEAN-ING...
WHO IS THE FAIREST OF THEM ALL?
OUR LADY SAYOKO !!
OUR LADY SAYOKO !!
AND WHO IS THE WISEST OF THEM ALL?
OUR LADY SAYOKO !!
AND WHO DO YOU CALL YOUR QUEEN?

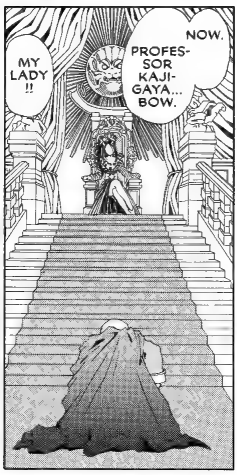
Call me Queen!

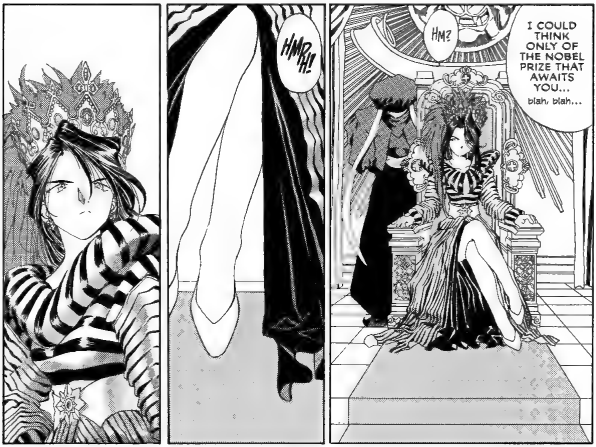

...THE QUEEN !!
ALL HAIL...

SCOP!


YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT WAS STRUCK DUMB BY YOUR GENIUS!
YES, MY QUEEN! IT WAS TRULY A WORK OF SUBLIME PERFECTION!

TELL ME AGAIN.
MY THESIS...

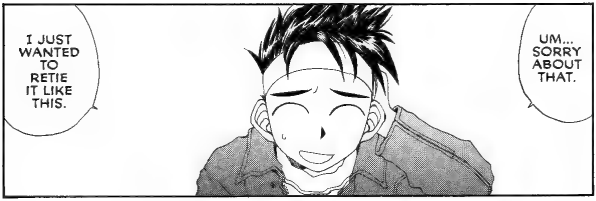

MY LADY !!
NOW. PROFES-SOR KAJI-GAYA... BOW.


I COULD THINK ONLY OF THE NOBEL PRIZE THAT AWAITS YOU...
blah, blah...
HM?
HMPH!

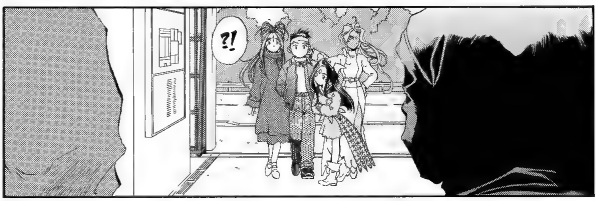
HERE, I AM THE LAW! I AM ORDER AND JUSTICE!
THOSE WHO OBEY MAY GAZE UPON MY BEAUTY AND HEAR MY GLORIOUS WORDS.
BUT TO THOSE WHO WILL NOT SUBMIT...

WE WILL PUNISH THEM!
WOW.
THESE ACTUALLY WORK!
OF COURSE. I MADE THEM.
YEAH, BUT...

THE WIRES ARE MADE OF ANTI-MIND-FORCE METAL, AND WOVEN IN A PRECISE PATTERN TO CANCEL OUT THE BRAINWASHING FREQUENCY.
WHY, IF YOU TOOK IT OFF EVEN FOR A SECOND, YOU'D BE--
IT'S THE SKULD WILL WAVE WALL SHIELDED RIBBON CABLE, MARK II
OF COURSE!
...DO I REALLY HAFTA WEAR IT?
おい
HEY!!
HUH?
GRAB HIM, BELL! HOLD HIM DOWN!
EEK! KEIICHI !!
SAYOKO, MY QUEEN!
HUMPH... MAYBE HE'D BE HAPPIER AS HER SLAVE...
TO THY SIDE I COME!


I JUST WANTED TO RETIE IT LIKE THIS.
UM... SORRY ABOUT THAT.

AND IT'S GOING TO GET STRONG-ER AS WE--
THIS MIND-FORCE FIELD IS SUPER STRONG.
WELL, DO THAT AGAIN, AND YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, BUSTER!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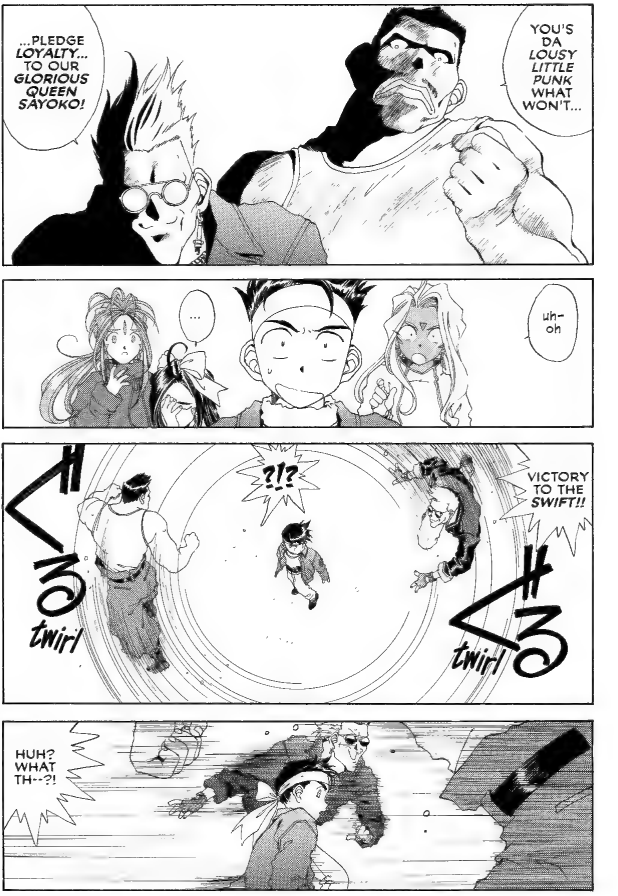
TAMIYA! OTAKI!!

I WONDER IF THEY'RE UNDER THE INFLUENCE, TOO... HMM.
YEH. YOU IS KEIICHI MORI-SATO.
ER... TAMIYA. D-DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
...I CAN'T TELL.
GEEZ... THEY ALWAYS LOOK SO SCARY ANYWAY...
Whew
SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE OKAY.


...PLEDGE LOYALTY... TO OUR GLORIOUS QUEEN SAYOKO!
YOU'S DA LOUSY LITTLE PUNK WHAT WON'T...
...
uh-oh
?!?
twirl
twirl
VICTORY TO THE SWIFT!!
HUH? WHAT TH--?!

DAI-CHAN!
DEN-CHAN!
DA FIERY HELL UV MUSCLE HEAT!
THE TEAMWORK OF BROTHERLY LOVE!

AUGH! HELP ME! BELL! URD!!
AND NOW, BROTHER TAMIYA... SQUEEZE!
sigh WHAT A PAIN. AH, WELL.
AN' DUH REFRESHIN' SMELL OF OUR SMOLDERIN' SPIRIT!
PUGH!
TAKE THAT! THE CALORIC OUTPUT OF BUFFED-OUT PECS! BURNING ABS!
AAGH! HOT HOT HOT!!
URD BOLT, STR--
HUH?
WHOOSH

ガッ

HOLY WIND PRESS!!

W-WOW! AN ATTACK SPELL?! SIS NEVER USES THOSE!
SHE'S ACTUALLY... ANGRY?
POOR TAMI-YA...
POOR OTA-KI...
BELL-DANDY...
...ARE YOU ...?
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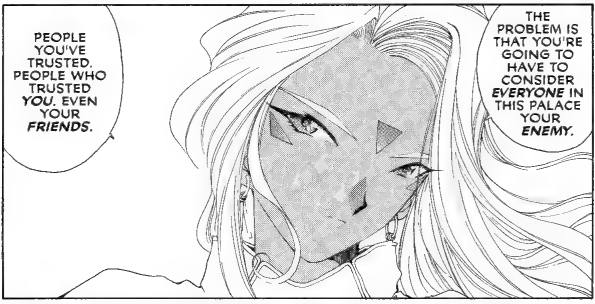
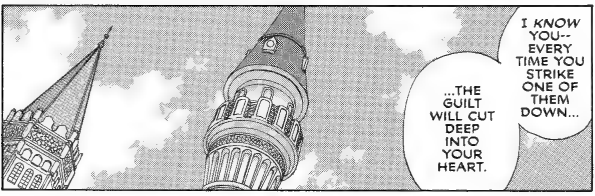
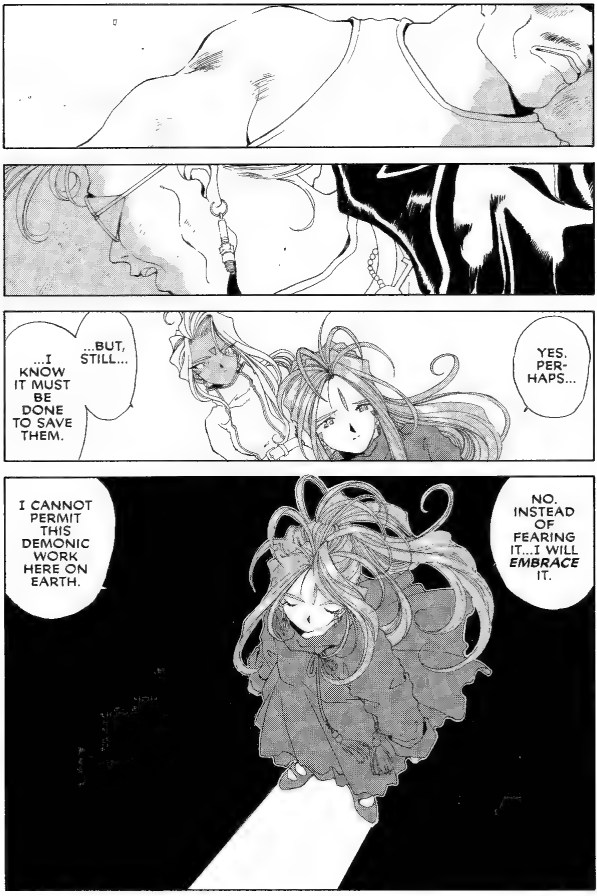
Whom?

B-BUT...
LOOK-- IT MIGHT BE BETTER IF YOU STOP RIGHT HERE, BELL-DANDY.
...
...F-FOR-GIVE ME!


PEOPLE YOU'VE TRUSTED. PEOPLE WHO TRUSTED *YOU*. EVEN YOUR *FRIENDS*.
THE PROBLEM IS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CONSIDER *EVERYONE* IN THIS PALACE YOUR *ENEMY*.


I *KNOW* YOU-- EVERY TIME YOU STRIKE ONE OF THEM DOWN...
...THE GUILT WILL CUT DEEP INTO YOUR HEART.

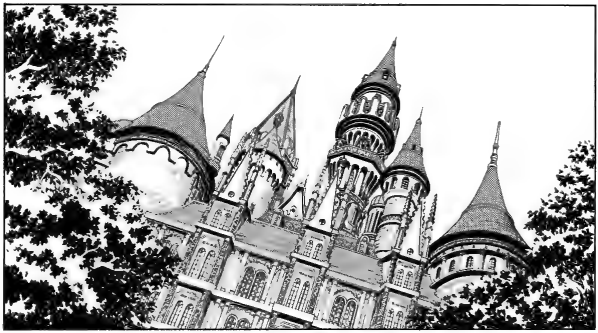

...I KNOW IT MUST BE DONE TO SAVE THEM.
...BUT, STILL...
YES. PER-HAPS...
I CANNOT PERMIT THIS DEMONIC WORK HERE ON EARTH.
NO. INSTEAD OF FEARING IT...I WILL *EMBRACE* IT.

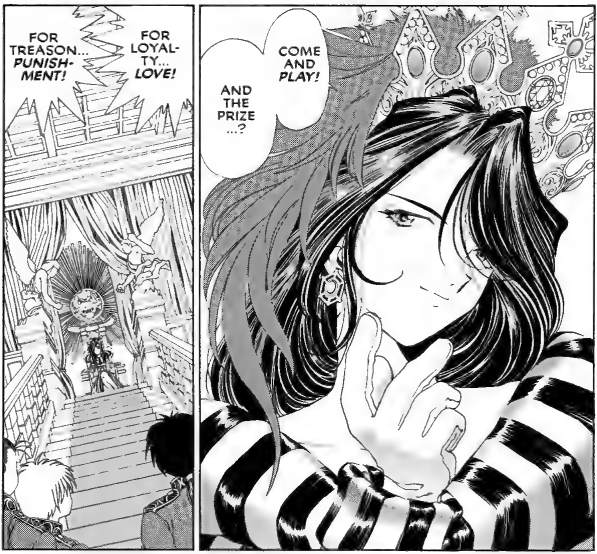
I WILL *GLADLY* ACCEPT THE PAIN
AND IF THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE THEIR SOULS IS BY SCARRING MY OWN HEART, THEN...
BUT I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER ONE THING, BELL-DANDY--
sigh OKAY... YOUR CALL.

--REMEMBER... YOU'RE NOT ALONE.
OH, URD... ♥
HMPH! WHAT A SHOW-OFF.
AND, ER... COUNT ME IN... FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH...
OH, REALLY? I WELCOME YOU ALL!
MY HOUSE, MY GAME... MY RULES!

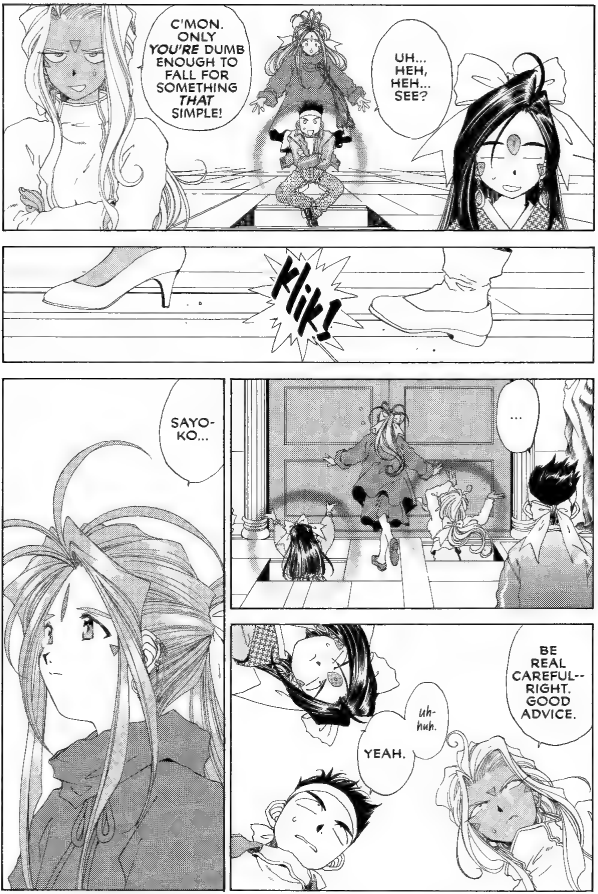
CHAPTER 82

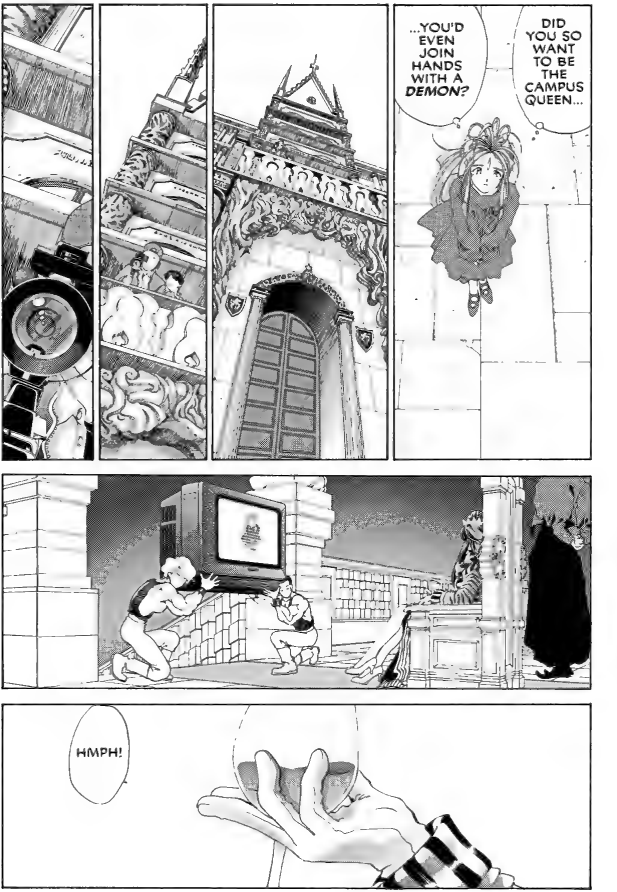
And Then There Was One

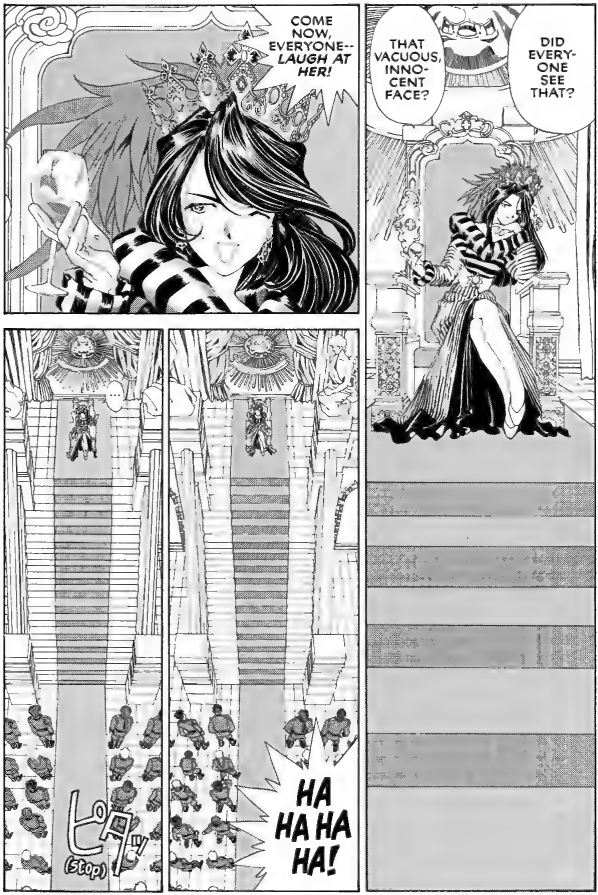



FOR TREASON... PUNISH-MENT!
FOR LOYAL-TY... LOVE!
COME AND PLAY!
AND THE PRIZE ...?

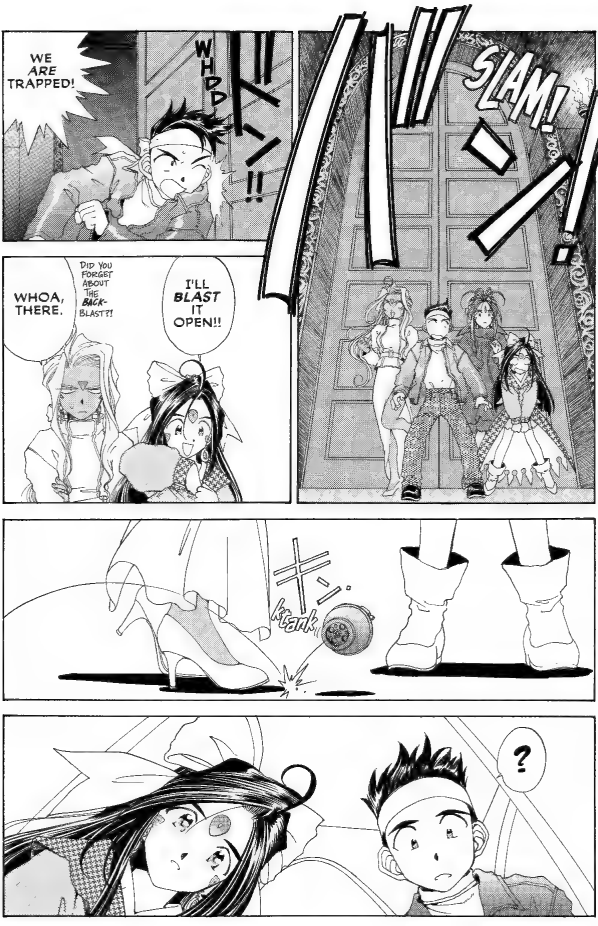
NOW EVERYONE, BE REAL CAREFUL! WHO *KNOWS* WHAT KIND OF TRAPS SHE'S SET, RIGHT?
KLIK!
EEEYAAAA!!
GASHI
CHAK!


C'MON. ONLY *YOU'RE* DUMB ENOUGH TO FALL FOR SOMETHING *THAT* SIMPLE!
UH... HEH, HEH... SEE?
Klik!
SAYO-KO...
...
BE REAL CAREFUL-- RIGHT. GOOD ADVICE.
uh-huh.
YEAH.


...YOU'D EVEN JOIN HANDS WITH A DEMON?
DID YOU SO WANT TO BE THE CAMPUS QUEEN...
HMPH!


DID EVERY-ONE SEE THAT?
THAT VACUOUS, INNO-CENT FACE?
COME NOW, EVERYONE-- *LAUGH AT HER!*
HA HA HA HA!
ヒッ (Stop)

HEH, HEH, HEH...
...I JUST HOPE *SOME* MAKE IT PAST THE ENTRANCE.
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE.
I *NEED* THEM TO MAKE IT THIS FAR, OR ELSE...
GEEZ, THIS COULDN'T LOOK MORE LIKE A TRAP IF IT TRIED.
kreek
WOW
SKREEK


WE ARE TRAPPED!
WHAP
SLAM!
WHOA, THERE.
DID YOU FORGET ABOUT THE BACK-BLAST?!
I'LL BLAST IT OPEN!!
klank
?

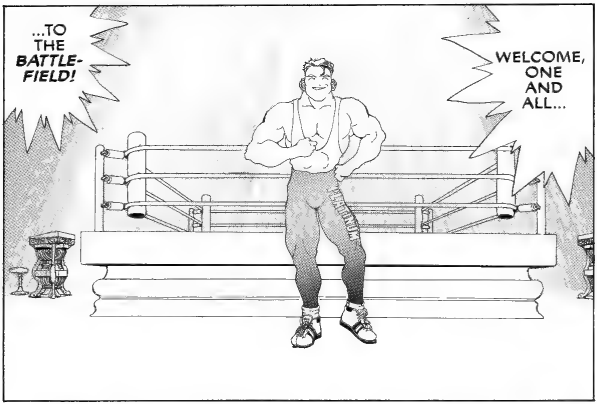
tik tik tik
WHOOM
RUN AWAY!

?!?
WE GOT 'EM?
PRE-PARE TO COLLECT DATA!
化学部
化学部
SIR! THE DEVICE HAD N-NO EFFECT, SIR!!
化学
化学部
FASCINATING. PERHAPS TWO WILL WORK BETTER. A PROJECT WORTHY OF US, THE CHEMISTRY CLUB...

UM--
KANG
KANG
KANG
GACK!!
化学部
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
YOU GUYS GO ON AHEAD.
LEAVE THIS TO ME!
IF IT'S BOMBS THEY WANT...

ガラン
rattle
...I'M HAPPY TO OBLIGE.
化学部
化学部
!!
C'MON, SIS! SHE'S HAVING A BLAST.
HEH, HEH.
BUT... SKULD...
WELL... SHALL WE GO?

?!


...TO THE BATTLE-FIELD!
WELCOME, ONE AND ALL...

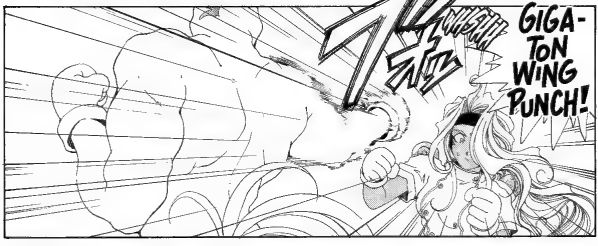
わら
わら
roar!
roar!

HUH?
COME WITH US, DEARIE!
PUT THIS ON! COSTUME CHANGE!
HEY! WAIT! HOLD ON A SEC!!
HUH? B-BUT ...?
AND YOU-- RIGHT THIS WAY!
AND NOW... THE MAIN EVENT!
Unable to cope, for once
OH ...?
UM...
SIT! SIT!

IN THE WHITE CORNER... THE MERCILESS ANGEL OF MERCY... URD THE NIGHTINGALE !!
IN THE RED CORNER... THE TERRIBLE CHICKEN O' DEATH... FROGHORN LEGHORN!
AND... CONTROLLING FOR THE WHITE CORNER...
HUH?
EH ?!
...KEIICHI MORISATO!!
TA-DAH!

PRESIDENT OF THE ARCADE GAMER'S CLUB, JOHJI KAWABATA !!
YO.
CONTROLLING FOR THE RED CORNER...
LET THE GAME BEGIN!
AND NOW! OUR VIRTUAL FIGHTERS ARE READY!
...UH?
WHOA! WHA--?
YEEHAW! YOUR ASS IS GRASS, PAL! I--
READY! SET! FIGHT !!
I DON'T QUITE GET IT, BUT...WHO AM I TO COMPLAIN ABOUT A CHANCE TO KICK SOME BUTT?

...THIS SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG.
HEH...
THEY CONTROL ME, MORON !!
OH.
WEIRD... WHAT DO THESE THINGS DO?
klik klik
chakka chakka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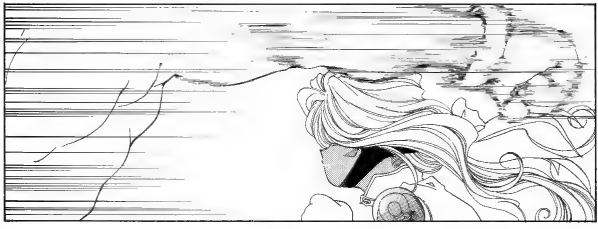


POW!
!!
WHAM!
BANDAGE TORNADO!!

*CANCEL TECHNIQUE: Arcade gamer lingo. By inputting the next command while the previous one is still playing out, you abbreviate (cancel) the command process and do not leave any openings to your opponent. COMBO: By inputting your next command while the opponent is still reeling from the previous attack (during this period, the opponent's character is unable to fight back), you can set up a series of linked attacks. In this case, it was a "three-combo."

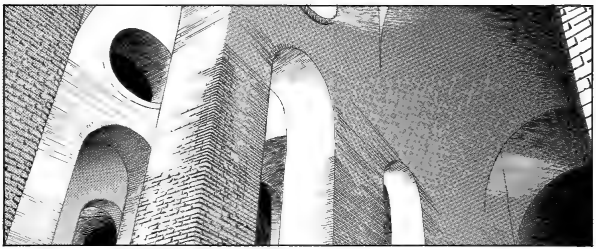
EEK!!
FWAP
NO, NO, NO!!
THAT'S "BLOCK AND KNEE KICK"...!
OKAY!
LIKE THIS?
UH-OH ...!!
WHBAM!

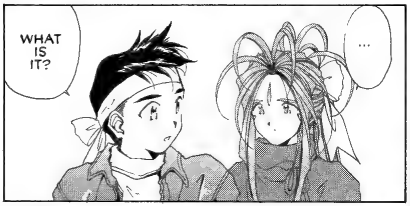
CHAKKA
KIK
TAK
FINISH-
ING
MOVE
!!
CHICKEN
DIVING
!!
HEH,
HEH!

HUH?! HEY!!
TH...THAT CHARACTER CAN'T... WAIT! A SECRET TECH-NIQUE?!
NOPE!
URD BOLT !!
FZZAK
THAT LAST THROW OF YOURS BUSTED MY CONTROL RECEIVER-- SEE?

...ISN'T HALF AS NICE AS REAL...?
AND NOW... DON'T YOU THINK VIRTUAL...
ECSTASY TYPHOON !!
AND SO... YOUR REWARD.
GOOD! I'M SO HAPPY YOU UNDERSTAND.
Y-YES...
HMM?

BUT WILL YOU BE...
WELL... IF YOU IN-SIST...
OKAY, YOU TWO GO ON AHEAD.
...I CAN BEAT 'EM UP, *THEN* FIX THEM.
THAT'S THE NICE THING ABOUT BEING A NURSE...
...MERCI-FUL? *YES!*
AND *AGAIN*, AND *AGAIN* !!! HEH. HEH! ♥
AIEEE!
HIP-BOMB DYNAMITE !!

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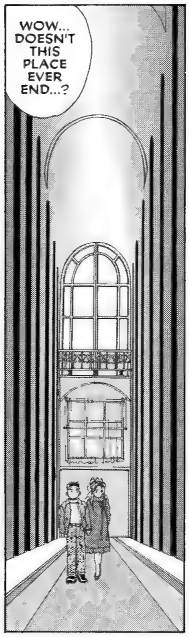
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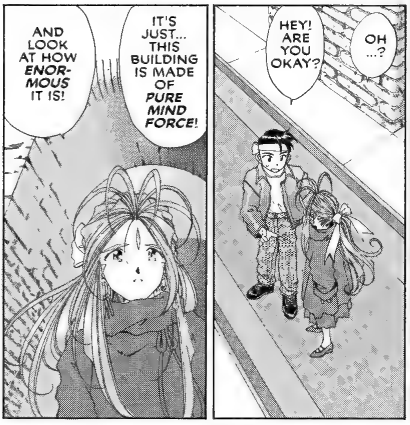
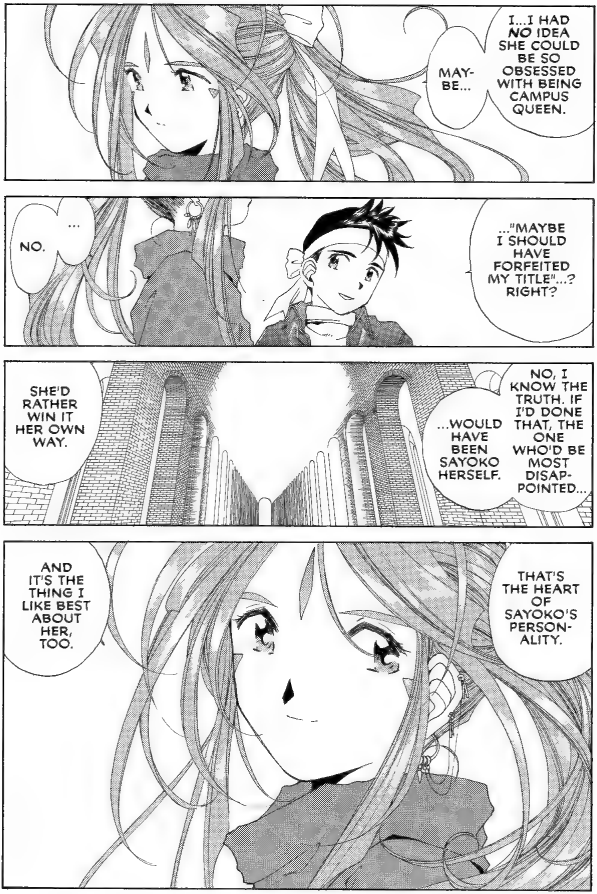
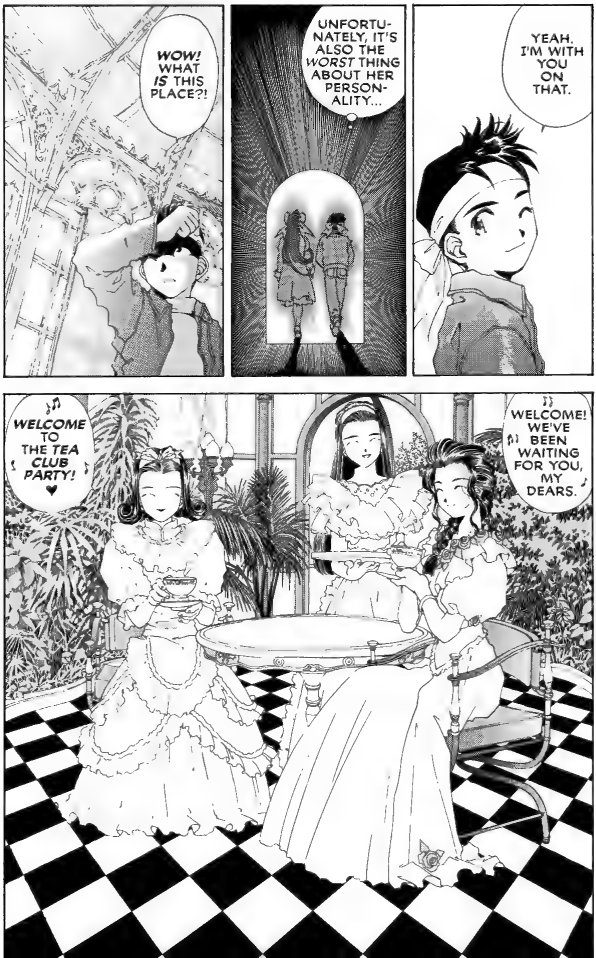
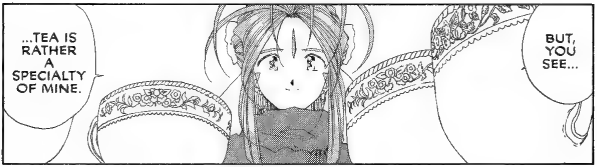
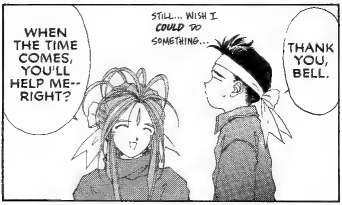

AND LOOK AT HOW ENOR-MOUS IT IS!
IT'S JUST... THIS BUILDING IS MADE OF PURE MIND FORCE!
HEY! ARE YOU OKAY?
OH ...?

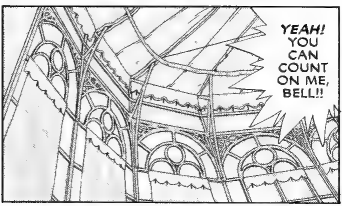

I...I HAD NO IDEA SHE COULD BE SO OBSESSED WITH BEING CAMPUS QUEEN.
MAY-BE...
...
NO.
...MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE FORFEITED MY TITLE"...? RIGHT?
NO, I KNOW THE TRUTH. IF I'D DONE THAT, THE ONE WHO'D BE MOST DISAP-POINTED...
...WOULD HAVE BEEN SAYOKO HERSELF.
SHE'D RATHER WIN IT HER OWN WAY.
THAT'S THE HEART OF SAYOKO'S PERSON-ALITY.
AND IT'S THE THING I LIKE BEST ABOUT HER, TOO.

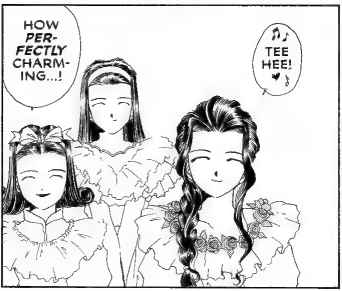

WOW! WHAT IS THIS PLACE?!
UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S ALSO THE WORST THING ABOUT HER PERSONALITY...
YEAH. I'M WITH YOU ON THAT.
WELCOME TO THE TEA CLUB PARTY!
WELCOME! WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, MY DEARS.

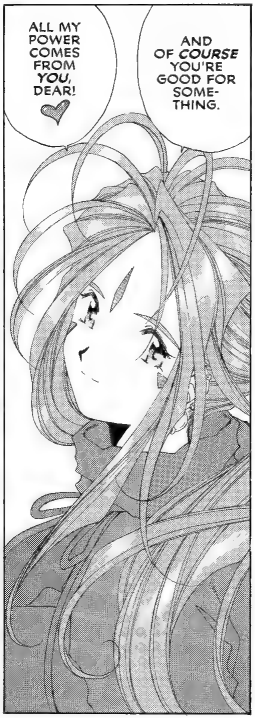
...AND JUST CHATTER AWAY MINDLESSLY. SUCH A LOVELY CLUB!
INDEED. WE SAVOR THE SUBTLE NUANCES OF A VARIETY OF RARE BLENDS...
SUCH A LOVELY AROMA!
THE "TEA CLUB" ...?!
AND IF YOU IDENTIFY ALL THE TEAS CORRECTLY, WE'LL LET YOU PASS.
NOW... ...WE'RE GOING TO HAVE YOU DO A TASTING FOR US.
OH! I'M SORRY, KEIICHI.
ARE... AREN'T I GOOD FOR ANYTHING?!
I JUST NEED TO NAME THE TEAS, DO I...?
OKAY! I CAN HANDLE THIS ONE!!

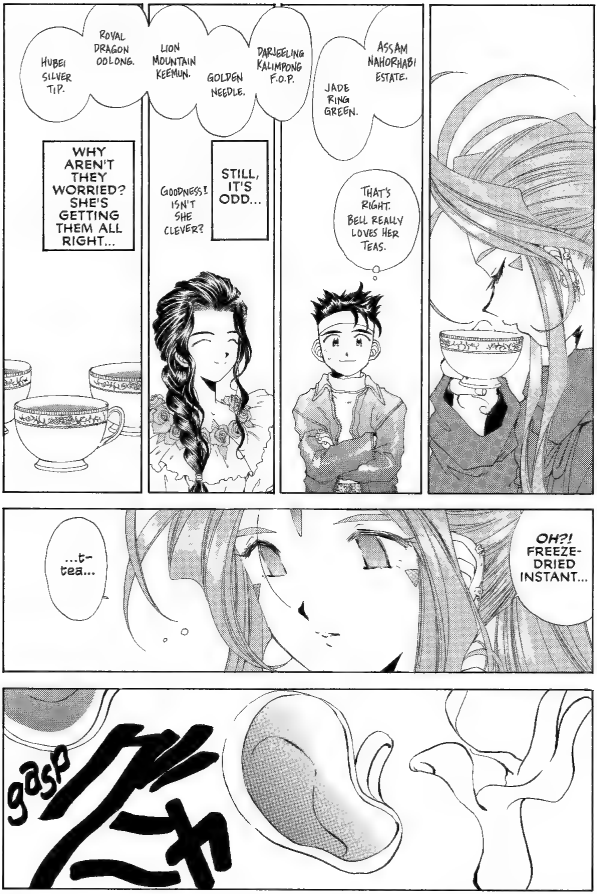

...TEA IS RATHER A SPECIALTY OF MINE.
BUT, YOU SEE...


WHEN THE TIME COMES, YOU'LL HELP ME-- RIGHT?
STILL... WISH I COULD DO SOMETHING...
THANK YOU, BELL.


YEAH! YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, BELL!!


HOW PER-FECTLY CHARM-ING...!
♫♪ TEE HEE! ♥♪


ALL MY POWER COMES FROM YOU, DEAR!
AND OF COURSE YOU'RE GOOD FOR SOME-THING.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ROYAL DRAGON OOLONG.
LION MOUNTAIN KEEMUN.
GOLDEN NEEDLE.
DARJEELING KALIMPONG F.O.P.
ASSAM NAHORHABI ESTATE.
JADE RING GREEN.
WHY AREN'T THEY WORRIED? SHE'S GETTING THEM ALL RIGHT...
GOODNESS! ISN'T SHE CLEVER?
STILL, IT'S ODD...
THAT'S RIGHT. BELL REALLY LOVES HER TEAS.
...t-tea...
OH?! FREEZE-DRIED INSTANT...
gasp

BELL-DANDY !!
ガシャッ
OH, DEAR ME! ❤
ALL THAT WARM TEA SEEMS TO HAVE MADE HER DROWSY.
tee hee!

THIS WAY, MY DEAR. YOU CAN REST OVER HERE.
YOU *DRUGGED* HER, DIDN'T YOU?! *HEY!!*
HEY, *YOU!*
TA-TA... AND HA *HA!* ❤
ほほほほほほほほほほ
HA

BELL!
KEIICHI? I'M OVER HERE.
DARN IT! WHERE'D THEY GO...?!
?!?
...?
BELL ...?

KEIICHI.
KEI-
ICHI.
NOO!!
KEIICHI
YAGGG!

KEIICHI, OVER HERE
KEI-ICHI
KEI-ICHI
NOOO!

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Hey everyone at Letters to the Enchantress!

Just wanted to extend my thanks to everyone involved with *OMG!* both in the U.S. and in Japan!

The series itself was something I'm glad I finally got into (rule of thumb for me is to get into a popular series on my own time, and *OMG!* is still very popular), mostly because of the unique points of view drawn. As someone who hopes to become (someday) a starving *manga-ka* (lol) I needed help on displaying a sense of 3-D. *OMG!* does this almost magically.

Also, the machines drawn are a wonderful study to behold. I hope to purchase volumes to help me on my way! So to everyone from the U.S. to Japan: Thank you—*domo arigato!*

Keep up the wonderful work!
Nicole Bonarski
Paw Paw, MI

Dear Nicole,

First of all, thank you for your letter and fan art, and second, thank you for your extreme patience for it to appear in Letters to the Enchantress, as you sent it when things were warmer, in July . . . 2008.

I was going to complain about how cold it is in the office today, but my idea of cold probably wouldn't impress a reader from Michigan. Actually, it's only cold in the editorial department downstairs, whereas where *OMG!* designer Scott Cook is located upstairs, it's toasty warm, because cold air, being denser, sinks, and also, of course, because their heater is working. Maybe I'll have to burn my manga to stay alive, like one of those tragic kids in a *World Masterpiece Theater* anime.

Wow, I ended up complaining anyway! Nicole, I'm really glad you got into *Oh My Goddess!* when you felt it was right for you. Since the series has been running for over twenty years, I think it's the kind that will always wait patiently for new fans. ^_^ I also think it's great that you like the machines of *OMG!* as well as the characters, because both are important to Fujishima-*sensei*, and I dare say he's been ratcheting up the hardware content lately, whether with stuff like the Honda Motra article in vol. 13, or especially the extensive notes on the Monkey motorbike in vol. 34. The way I look at it, if *Naruto* fans have no trouble memorizing the distinctions between *byakugan*, *rasengan*, and *sharingan*, *Oh My Goddess!* readers will be perfectly cool with knowing the difference between the Honda C100 and the Honda CZ100. And *OMG!* fans get a special bonus—their stuff's actually *real*! (Scott gets upset at this point and displays his InDesign *jutsu*.)

Nicole's art appears on the next three pages. And to everyone else, if you've sent stuff in and it hasn't appeared yet, take heart from her patience and never despair!

—CGH

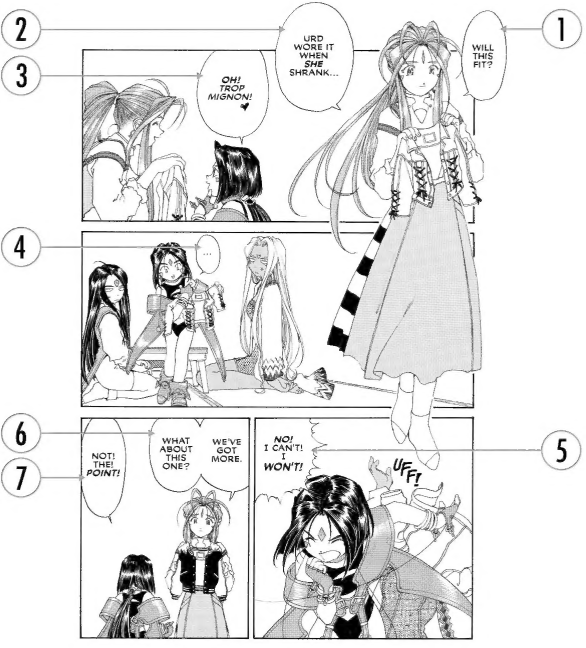
Creator Kosuke Fujishima in 1997!

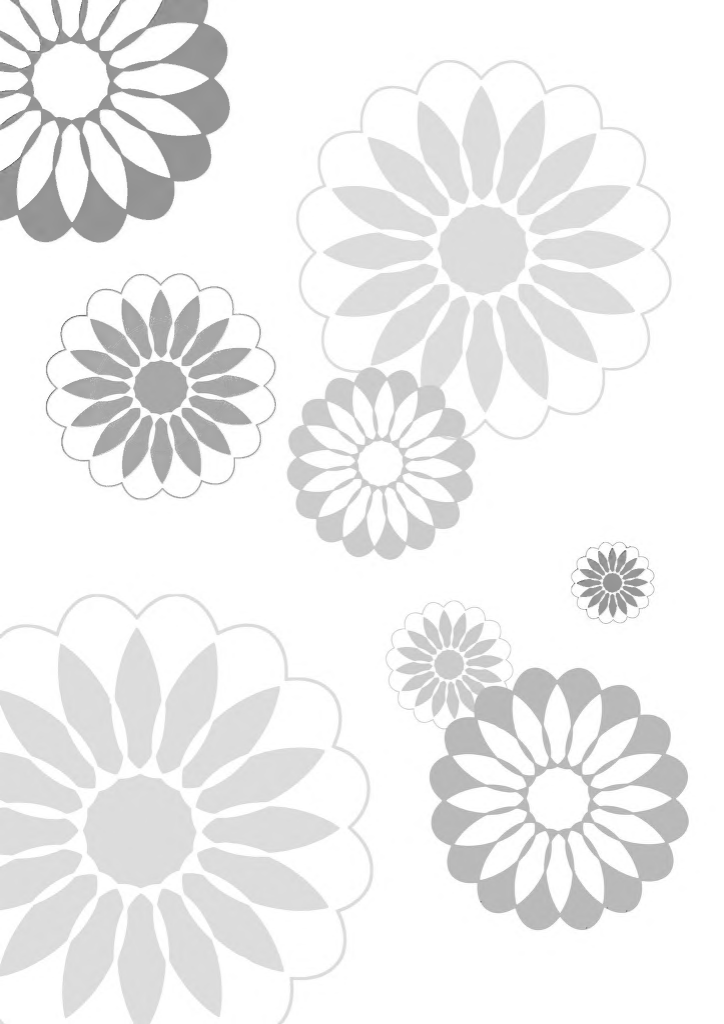
His message to fans in the original Japanese *Oh My Goddess!* Vol. 14:

I changed my desk and got a new one. My previous desk was really easy to use, so I specially ordered one that was exactly the same size. Even though I just got it, though, it already looks like this. Maybe you can make out that instant superglue I spilled; it looks like dried tears. I can't tell whether my assistants never even noticed it was new, or if they just got used to it very quickly. But here's to you, new (?) desk! Here's to many more (?) years of work together!

STOP! This is the back of the book!

This manga collection is translated into English, but arranged in right-to-left reading format to maintain the artwork's visual orientation as originally drawn and published in Japan. If you've never read comics this way before, take a look at the diagram below to give yourself an idea of how to go about it. Basically, you'll be starting in the upper right-hand corner, and will read each word balloon and panel moving right to left. It may take a little getting used to, but you should get the hang of it very quickly. Have fun! If this is the millionth manga you've read this way, never mind. ^_^





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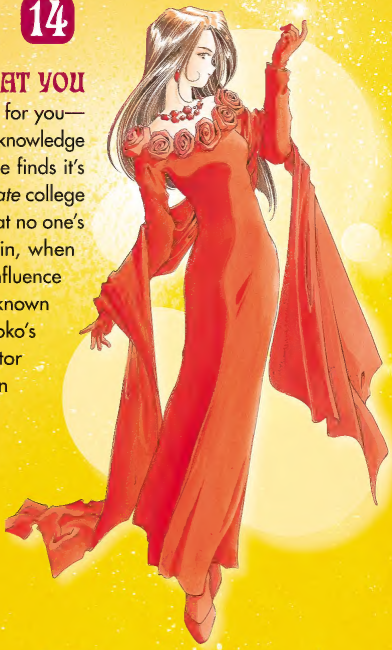

GET A JOB! THAT'S WHAT YOU

hope a college education can do for you—but when Keiichi applies to put his knowledge to work in a custom bike shop, he finds it's not going to be as easy to *graduate* college as he thought! And it could be that no one's leaving Nekomi Tech, ever again, when it falls under the mind-bending influence of two of the most sinister forces known to man—Mara's magic, and Sayoko's ego! Plus a message from creator Kosuke Fujishima, and your fan art and letters!

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